

Spring 2021

Collective Worship

Remote learning began a short notice in January but our daily Collective Worship continued seamlessly. We continued our 'new normal' broadcast for collective worship through TEAMS on the same daily basis. The pupils in school and at home have continued to participate throughout our sessions using the chat and, hands up function and sharing by unmuting themselves to share thoughts. Some have offered to read and share prayers. Rev. Felicity visits us remotely once a week to share with us and the children engage well with the message she brings. Each week we share a Bible story that links to our weekly theme. This half term we have learnt about Peace and Creativity linked to our school values. Mrs Wright, our RE leader uses the lectionary reading for the week in an engaging way and we have used many pre-recorded Genr8 assemblies too. Our best attended Collective Worship is the Head Teachers celebration assembly where we celebrate birthdays, achievements and link these successes to our values.

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In the Spring 1 half term we have focused on the following each week:

Week 1 – This week we are learning finding out about what peace means to us and Christians. We look at the story of Abigail and Nabal from the Bible along with the Tax Collector story. We also learn our school memory verse about peace.

Week 2 – We continue our theme of Peace by looking at the story from the Bible all about Abram and Lot.

Week 3 – This week we explore what peace means to us in class, our school, at home and in the community.

Week 4 – We finish our theme of peace by looking at how CW Lewis as a Christian used stories to show peace.

Week 5 – We begin our new theme of creation and what that means to us in our work and learning. We also learn our school memory verse about creation.

Week 6 – We continue our theme of Creation and learn of the creation story in the Bible. We also explore the idea of generosity as a creative way of giving.

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Religious Education

Despite lockdown and remote learning, we still prioritised a half day across the school as planned to continue our Understanding Christianity topic. This half term we explored the theme of 'God'. We explored the parable of 'The lost son' from Luke's gospel. Children engaged well through a live lesson with their class teacher and all were set a follow up task at home. Children were asked to think about forgiveness and what this story tells us about what Christians believe about God's character. Why not have a look at a pre-recorded lesson from Mrs Wright, our RE leader. Many children watched this at home to help them understand the story and its message in more detail.

<https://www.loom.com/share/73bbc0753fc24926bb2f0377f0433dce>

Here is a sample of work from a year 6 pupil who sent us his assignment on TEAMS in response to the story

SHORT STORY – POEM by Ale

There was once a man who had two sons,
They lived on a farm and worked in the fields.
It was hard and the work went on,
Until one day one said no more.
"I'm old enough to spend my money,
I'm going out to have some funny,"
His dad paid out and off he went."
With money in his pocket,
He felt like a rocket.
He spent and ate and had a break,
No work for him -
It was great.
But the money ended
And the hunger arrived,
Feeding the pigs was not fine
He begged and pleaded.
But no one helped.
So to the home he went.
"What do you want?"
His brother asked,

"You've had your lot,
Now get off the plot!"
"I have nothing left or effects,
Please forgive me as I repent."
The father opens up his arms,
"You are my son and I forgive you."

Our RE leader continues to attend RE update training and monitor the well matched topics that the Oak National Academy offers for helping with our RE curriculum delivery. We have now received the first of the new 'Emmanuel' curriculum resources which we plan to begin using over the coming months. School leaders and our RE leader have met virtually with other schools to share great ideas about how to make virtual Collective Worship even better. We also work as an extended team with Barrington Primary C of E School and Rev. Felicity to share planning for Collective Worship and support each other in the planning and teaching Biblical values. We plan to have our first joint remote Collective Worship during Lent.