

Welcome to our first termly Christian Values newsletter from our Collective  
Worship Councillors.

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you all about our chosen Christian Value for this term.



### Sensory Walk

In order to really appreciate **creation** and be **creative** ourselves, we rely upon our senses.

Go on a family walk in the countryside or park.

What can you hear, see, smell and touch?

Make a simple map of your walk and collect things from the ground (little sticks, stones, feathers, crispy leaves etc) to fix on to your map to help you remember what you have experienced with your senses at different places on the journey.



## CREATION & CREATIVITY

Our focus Bible story is the Creation Story from Genesis 1:1-31

The Bible opens with an account of how God created the Universe and all the things within it. Although Christians have different views on scientific accounts on the creation of the universe, all hold God as the creator. We believe we are made in the image of God and because He is creative, it follows that so are we. If God does something, and models it for us to do, we believe we should strive to do the same and to have the same impact. The Bible tells us we have been handed the responsibility for looking after this planet – something that most would agree that we could do a better job at. Obvious links throughout the curriculum can be made to current environmental issues and the importance of our role as stewards of the planet. Through our values and Eco initiatives in particular, we encourage our pupils to be Agents of Change and to make a difference in the local community and beyond by following God's example and striving to fulfil His expectations.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10

### Our Academy Vision

We have a vision of a community in which each person is offered the opportunity to fulfil their potential and to understand themselves to be valued for who they are. Through a stimulating and challenging learning environment, we pursue academic excellence and seek the flourishing of all members of the school community. As inclusive and caring church schools, our commitment is to help pupils become thoughtful, open-minded and compassionate human beings who have the knowledge, skills and motivation they need to bring about positive transformation in the world.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." John Wesley

We believe the Christian Values that we have chosen strongly represent our school. We encourage our pupils to reflect on and articulate our values to each other, to you their parents, to staff and to visitors. The Bible has so much to offer us in terms of positive personal, relational and community values, and its timeless wisdom can help us pass on to the next generation the qualities of life that are most valuable and which, as a Church school, we believe are not only God-given but also can be God-energised in our lives. We develop our values through modelling it to one another; looking at Christian scripture and stories in Collective Worship. Through whole school worship, class worship, relationships and discussions, we use bible stories to provide examples of our values and also explicitly give examples of how our pupils can show and recognise these values within our schools.



### FASCINATING FACTS

#### About creation

70% of the earth's surface is covered by oceans

The largest desert in the world, the Sahara Desert, covers 1/3 of Africa

The longest river in the world is the Nile at 4160 miles. In the UK the Severn is longest at just 220 miles

75% of the freshwater on earth is frozen in glaciers

The earth is 50 times bigger by volume than the moon

It is estimated there are 10000 species of birds and 5000 species of mammals on earth

