



Vernham Dean Gillums' Church of England Primary School

Christian Values Newsletter Summer 2018

Our core Christian Values are:

Love

Jesus loves us, and that helps us love others.
 'We love because he first loved us'.
 1 John 4:19

Hope

Everyday is the first day of the rest of your life.
 'With God all things are possible'
 Matthew 19:6

Courage

Embrace new experiences, take courage and believe in yourself.
 'Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart'.
 Psalms 31:24

This half term has flown by in a blur and it has been lovely to have some nice warm weather to enjoy our school grounds. We welcomed Mrs Hawkings into our school family after Easter and this Sunday we all have the chance to welcome her into the wider community and church. It would be lovely to see lots of familiar faces in the congregation.

The focus for our Christian worship this half term has been:

Creativity



We looked at the creation story and thought about all the beautiful creations in our world. We remembered the things we take for granted and shared ideas for how we can all look after our world. During class worship we also made creation pictures outside, using natural things which can be found around our school site.



The focus for our Christian worship next half term will be:

Trust

The upcoming theme is introduced through the story of the boy who cried wolf and as a whole school we will share what trust means to us. We will also be looking at how we can trust others and lean on one another through tough times. Our Bible story of Gideon will illustrate how little things that are asked of us can have a big meaning to others and make us 'trustworthy'.

Child's prayer:

Dear God,

We are truly thankful for all the things you give us everyday and all the teachers who help us learn.

Amen

Ella Harman (Oak Class)

RE units this term:

	Spring 1 concept:		Spring 2 concept:	
Willow	Special	Special clothes	Celebration	Shabbat (Judaism)
Maple	God	What do Christians believe God is like?	Special	The Torah (Judaism)
Oak	Kingdom of God	When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?	Devotion	Mahashivratri (Hinduism)
Beech	Gospel	What would Jesus do?	Ritual	Wudu and Eid-ul-Fitr (Islam)

As Year 6 come to the end of their time with us they will be visiting Winchester Cathedral for a special leaver's service. We are busy learning the songs chosen by the diocese and look forward to receiving our new altar candle on their return. We wish them well as they move on from our school and trust they will take the values of Love, Hope and Trust forward with them into their future.

Rev Trev

Our school is set in a beautiful part of our countryside and it is something we should praise God for. Our challenge as Christians is to help ensure God's creation is there in all its glory for our children and grandchildren and to actively work to achieve that. God bless you. Revtrev.

Thank you for all your support, Clare Price (R.E. and Worship leader)