



Vernham Dean Gillums' Church of England Primary School Christian Values Newsletter Autumn 2017

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 has been a very busy term and I can hardly believe we are already on the run up to Christmas. The children had an amazing time at Linkenholt and it was lovely that Rev Trev was able to join us there and offer a closing prayer for our day.

The focus for our Christian worship last half term was:

hope

We started this theme by sharing the story of Noah and how each time we see a rainbow it is a sign of hope and good things to come. We also discussed how some charities offer hope to others by helping them to grow food for themselves or collecting food so they can hope for a good Christmas. We talked about how a wish is something that is unlikely to happen, but that a hope is something we can strive to achieve.

The focus for our Christian worship this half term is:

love

We shared 'Footprints in the sand' which is a poem that helps us to understand how God loves us and that he is with us in the good times and the bad. We then thought about how we could show love and compassion to our friends and family. The last part of this focus area will be to consider how we can show love to 'our neighbours', especially those in need.

Child's prayer:

Dear God, Your love is as strong as stone and our love for you may not show on the outside but is always there on the inside. We know that you love each and every one of us and we know you will love us always. Please help others to feel your love too even if they are not Christians. Amen

Ellie Lawrence Year 4

RE units this term:

	Autumn 1 concept:		Autumn 2 concept:	
Willow			Celebrating birthdays	Jesus' Birthday
Maple	Thankfulness	Celebrating Harvest	Journey's end	Nativity journeys
Oak	Good and Evil	Divali - Hinduism	Holy	Mary, mother of God
Beech	Submission	Mohammed and the Qur'an	Interpretation	Christmas- The two birth narratives

A message from Reverend Trevor:

As we come up to Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus we again remember the love and hope that God has given us by sending us his Son. When I come into school and see how well the children are doing and I see how our Christian Values are visible in all that they do, it makes me proud of them. They have hope in their lives, they show love in their heart and they have the courage to accept the changes and challenges that lie in front of them.

As this term rapidly draws to a close, we are very busy rehearsing for our Nativity. We hope to see lots of you there to share in this lovely Christmas celebration! You are also invited to join us for our Carol Service at 10.30 on the last morning of term. Have a very happy and peaceful Christmas!

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