

Collective Worship & Religious Education

Summer 1: April 2022



COURAGE

Welcome back to Term 5. This term we are really enjoying coming back together for our Collective Worships and welcoming back our Open the Book team. Our theme this term is 'COURAGE', sharing some stories from the Bible and lots of discussions about what it means to each of us.

Words of Wisdom

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

Nelson Mandela

Read together:

The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me." As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king. "I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced. It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life." "But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side." King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out courageously to face Goliath. The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people." As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides. This was a day no-one would forget, when the courage of a shepherd boy saved a nation.



Bible story based on 1 Samuel 17

Discussions at home : Being courageous can mean different things to different

people. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find courage to overcome them. Talk together about:

The different challenges that each family member faces

Who or what helps us find courage?

Is there someone that we admire because of the courage that they have shown?



Home-School Challenge

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and courage in overcoming huge challenges in their lives. (Google 'UK children of courage awards' to see some examples.) Design a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their courage. Remember, there are different kinds of courage and different ways of showing bravery. The nominations will be displayed on the CW board in the circulation area.



In Class:

The units of work for each class for Term 5 are listed below. Each class will

be looking at Islam and focusing on one area within it.

OAK
What is Islam? Where do they worship?
Islam

SYCAMORE
Exploring Islam; Allah and Muhammad.
Islam

MAPLE
Why is God important to Muslims
Islam

CHERRY
Opening up the Qur'an
Islam

ELM
Pattern and Shape in Islam
Islam

LIME
What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?
Islam

WILLOW
Does belief in Akhirah help Muslims lead good lives?
Islam



Farewell to Rev'd Canon Larkey

On Friday 29th April we welcomed Rev'd Larkey and Mr Larkey into school to say our final goodbyes before their departure up to Lancashire. They have been a vital part of our school community since January 2007 and will be sorely missed. The children wrote some beautiful prayers which they shared along with some singing and special messages. Rev'd Larkey has promised to keep in touch and we look forward to hearing how they've settled into their new home.

I had the privilege to drop into RE lessons in every class last term and see all the wonderful RE lessons going on around the concept of 'Salvation'. There were some in-depth conversations happening amongst the pupils and some really deep thinking around the Easter Story and the idea of forgiveness. This term the whole school focus is on Islam. If you have any family members/contacts further afield who practise Islam, who would be willing to talk to the children or answer some questions, then do please let me know. The children always enjoy finding out from a 'real' person about their beliefs and how this impacts their day-to-day lives. Many thanks for your continued support

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