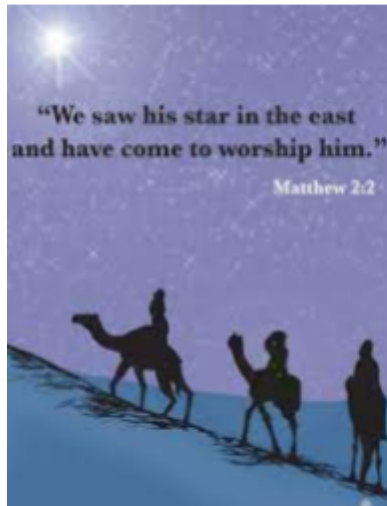


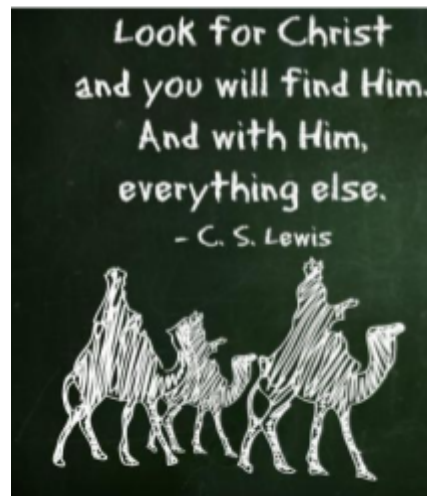
# Collective Worship

**This week's theme:** 'Get in touch' to make change happen - Epiphany

**The Bible tells us:**



**Inspirational quote:**



## Thought for the week

This week we are thinking about Epiphany - the time when we remember the visit of the Magi to Jesus, or 'a sudden realisation'. The visit of the Magi (as well as the shepherds) reminds us that Jesus is for everyone and a way of God connecting with us. How can we 'get connected' this week - whether we are connecting with God, or with those around us?

## This week

This week in collective worship we introduced our theme for the half term: 'Get in touch' to make change happen. We will be reflecting on the different ways that we can 'get in touch' and how we can have a positive impact on the world around us when we take the time to do this.

We have focused specifically on Epiphany this week and welcomed Vicar Suzanne into school to help us reflect on what this celebration is all about. Mr Ayling took us through the journey of the Wise Men and how they needed 'insight' to recognise what the right choices are and follow the right path; they had to 'trust' their instinct to follow the star and not return to Herod; and they showed willingness to take that important journey. We were challenged to consider how we can also have insight and follow the path that is right for us, trust in our own abilities as well as others to give things a go and show willingness to try, especially when things are tough. We also heard about the Spanish tradition of leaving a shoe on your door in the hope that the Magi will come and visit on their camels and fill the shoe with sweets. Lots of us will be leaving shoes on our doors over the weekend! Some of us will also be 'chalking our doors' with 20+C+M+B+24 and inviting Christ to bless our classrooms. The plus signs represent the Cross, CMB are the first initials of the traditional names given to the Magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "May Christ bless the house" can also be abbreviated to CMB.

Vicar Suzanne reminded us that Christ is for everyone and if we seek Him, just as the Wise Men did, this may be a way for us to 'get in touch' and connect with the world, through Him.

In class collective worship, we have continued to reflect on the journey that life takes us on and that the footprints we leave should be ones that leave a positive impression and have a positive impact on the world and people around us.

We pray that through Epiphany, Jesus is revealed to those who need Him most and that through Him we are guided to 'get in touch' and make a positive impact on the world in which we live.