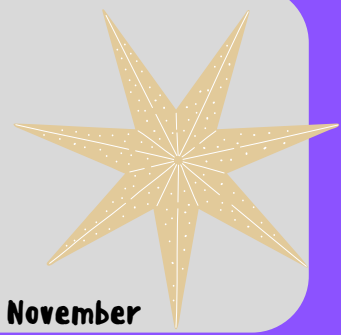




# Collective Worship



w/c 25th November

## Let your light shine - Advent and hope

**This week in collective worship we have been thinking about the start of Advent, what that means and what Christmas is all about!**

## Thought for the week

In the busy build up to Christmas, it is important that we take the time to reflect and be calm. We might be feeling excited about the events leading up to Christmas but this isn't the case for everyone. It is important that we do what we can to make the Christmas season a nice time for everyone - perhaps by donating to our foodbank appeal or by creating and sending a Christmas card to someone who perhaps doesn't have family to spend time with during the season of Advent. How can we give hope to others to help them flourish? Even when things feel difficult, there is always hope.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

**Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give.**



## This week in collective worship

In collective worship this week, we have been focusing on the start of advent and what that means. Mr Ayling spoke to us about the meanings of the different candles that we see in the Advent wreath; we will be reflecting on the importance of each over the next few weeks. We heard about the links between the prophecies in the bible, the difficulties the Israelites faced and their hope for a rescuer. Mr Ayling gave some examples of people who have had hope when facing difficult circumstances and how having hope got them through.

We have been considering what the words 'all is calm, all is bright' actually mean and looking for moments of calm and moments of brightness in the start of the Christmas story when Angel Gabriel visited Mary.

We have been considering what it means to have hope and have reflected on our hopes for ourselves, our hopes for others, our hopes for the world and beyond. We have considered the actions we could take to give hope to others at Christmas time.

On Friday afternoon we enjoyed our House Activities; everyone signed up to an activity through which they could develop our school values, learning more about what it means to be aspirational, creative and to have belief.

### Pupil voice

'Hope is everywhere and having hope gives you confidence and helps you to do the things you didn't think you could.'

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

In the busy build up to Christmas, help us to focus on others and transfer our hopes for others into actions that enable us to think beyond ourselves and 'be the hope' for someone else.

Amen

