



# Collective Worship



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## Let's celebrate -New beginnings and building each other

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**This week in collective worship we have focused on the fresh start that a new year brings and how we can use that fresh start to ensure that we are taking opportunities to build each other up.**

## Thought for the week

A new year is a new opportunity; an opportunity to move on from the things in the past that didn't go quite right. It is a fresh start for us to reset and focus on each other - looking out rather than in to ensure that those around us are being treated fairly and that they are able to live their best lives. It is a time for us to pause and reflect on the world around us and the impact that we are having...is it a positive impact, or are there things we could be doing to make the world a better place? It's a time to celebrate the community that we live in and to celebrate each other.

**Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.**

Isaiah 43: 18



Maya Angelou — 'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

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

## This week in collective worship

In whole school collective worship, Mr Taylor spoke to us about the 'domino effect' and he demonstrated how it took 3 days to build a domino run, 3 minutes to destroy it but just one second to knock it down. In the same way, it takes a lifetime to work on your character and just one second for someone to knock you down. When someone gets knocked down, it can take a long time to build them back up again. Mr Taylor told us the story of Rossetti who was a 19th century poet and artist. As an old man after hearing praise about his artwork that he completed at an early age, he commented that if he had heard that praise when he was young, he wouldn't have been discouraged and given up too soon. With a balloon analogy, we were shown how we can become deflated as people knock us down, but with words of encouragement we can build each other up.

Skittles encouraged us to listen to the compliments that we receive from people and really take them in. He challenged us to compliment someone every day - in this way we can really help people when they are struggling. Skittles reminded us that Jesus spent his time on Earth looking out for the people other people didn't look out for. If we build people up through words of encouragement, we will see them be their best and flourish. Jesus came to forgive us and give us a fresh start, just like the new year is a fresh start.

In class collective worship we heard about the different ways that people celebrate new year around the world and we heard about Barnabas 'the encourager' - someone who should inspire us to help others and build others up through the way that we behave. We considered how the way we treat people will be what they remember about us.

### Pupil voice

'We should be building each other up because that takes a long time, whereas it only takes a second to knock someone down.'

Heavenly Father,

## Prayer for the week

Help us to focus on being people who build others up and humble ourselves to put others first. Thank you that we are surrounded by people with kind hearts who do what they can to support us. Help us to act in a way that means we are having a positive impact on those around us. Amen

