



# Collective Worship

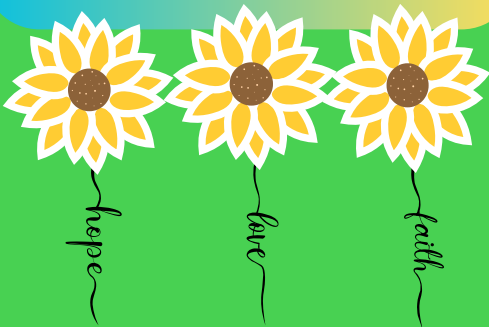
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**Let's be beacons of hope - which character values help us to be a beacon of hope?**

**This week in collective worship we have focused on the different values that help us to build character and help us to achieve our aspirations.**

## Thought for the week

We can use our skills, talents and passions to be a beacon of hope for others - to show them that we can achieve the things we really want to if we work hard and are resilient. Through our achievements, not only can we find joy for ourselves, but we can give others hope that they can do the same. Find your passion and the things that you are good at, throw everything at it so that you give yourself a chance to flourish, and in doing so, you will give hope to others.



**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

## This week in collective worship

In class collective worship this week we have focused on the character values that we need to be beacons of hope, not just for others but for ourselves too. We looked ahead to VE Day and considered the character values people needed to support each other and get through wartime; a time when people were beacons of hope for each other.

We heard about the Refugee Olympic Team and the athlete Asha Philip who faced adversity but with values of resilience, determination and hope, they have managed to achieve their dreams. We considered the values needed to pursue our passions and the great things we can achieve if we do so.

We heard about the disciple Peter, who was meant to be a courageous leader, but he got it wrong - he denied knowing Jesus, three times. When Jesus appeared to the disciples after He had risen from the dead, He showed faith in Peter that he would have the values needed to teach people how to live good lives.

On Thursday, Mr Ayling led a special VE Day collective worship when we heard about the celebrations of peace that came following an end to a terrible six-year war. We thought about the hope the people had that saw peace spread across Europe. We heard a testimony from a one hundred year old war veteran who recalled his time during the war. We took a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made back then so that we have the opportunity to flourish today.

### Pupil voice

'To have hope you need to be resilient and determined so that you can build yourself back up if you are broken.'

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to reflect and appreciate the sacrifices that our ancestors made in order for us to be here today. Help us to be inspired by them so that we are able to develop the resilience, determination and courage to help us through difficult times as well as the acceptance of each other that we must develop to be able to live well together and flourish.

Amen.

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

