



# Collective Worship

12th September



**Let's reflect and show respect...we are all unique**

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## Thought for the week

We are all unique and that's amazing! We should be proud to be who we are and where we are from - there is no one exactly like you and you were made that way. Your friends and family love you for who you are. Yes, sometimes we make mistakes and we get things wrong - that's what makes us human; we learn from those mistakes and try not to make the same mistakes again. If you have a faith, you will believe that you are special to God and He created you in his own image - He made you the way that you are, and He loves you. He has accepted you for who you are and He forgives you when you get it wrong.

**"I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."**

**Psalm 139: 14**

I didn't know that no one has the same iris and that made me realise how awesome it is that we are all unique!

**Pupil voice**

## This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about the fact that we are all different, all unique and how amazing that is!

Year 5 were welcomed to St Michael's with a service in church on Monday morning - Blessing of the Backpacks - to set them up for the year ahead.

In class collective worship we reflected on how our differences make for a much more interesting community and how we should embrace the differences between us and be respectful towards and accepting of others who have different heritage to us, or believe something different. We considered the different skills and qualities that we hold that make us unique and were encouraged to be proud of our differences.

We reflected on the quote from Maya Angelou: We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter their colour.

We considered the stories that Jesus told us to encourage people to accept each other and the differences between us - we will be looking at these stories in more detail over the coming weeks.

Mr Ayling led our first whole school collective worship of the year and spoke to the school about Sir Patrick Moore, a scientist whose uniqueness led him to discover and create some incredible advances in science. Mr Ayling talked about his interest in the Solar System and showed us a model he created as well as a map of the moon, signed by Sir Patrick Moore. We were encouraged to be ourselves, since everyone else is taken!

Mrs Martin-Papp led our first Praise of the year, which was incredible! We have such hugely talented students who led the music with the school band. It was a great start to the year!

We welcomed Vicar Suzanne who reminded us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. She asked us to consider the things we like and dislike, who we admire and what our aspirations are. We quickly realised that these are all different - because we are unique! We heard about our fingerprints being unique, but also that everyone's iris pattern is unique. We reflected on Psalm 139: wherever we go, whatever we're thinking, God is with us. We are all unique and valued in God's eyes; we are loved just as we are.

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for making us all unique and in your image. We are sorry when we do the wrong thing; help us to focus on being accepting and respectful of others, especially those who are different from us. Help us to embrace living in a diverse community.

Amen



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