

# Collective Worship

16<sup>th</sup> January

## Which path will I take? New year, new values

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on the paths that lead us to living out the values that help us to be our best selves.

## Thought for the week

As we start a new year, we must consider how we can move forward and be the best version of ourselves, how we can be authentic to who we really are. We must consider how it is ok to stand out from those around us and not be 'just another chicken'. Be the eagle and fly! Reach for the goals that you want to achieve and don't let anyone tell you that you can't achieve them. Grow and develop your character values so that you can do all these things; embrace your new beginnings.

Instead, make yourselves beautiful on the inside, in your hearts, with the enduring quality of a gentle, peaceful spirit. This type of beauty is very precious in God's eyes.

**1 Peter 3:4**

'This week I have been thinking about the story about the chicken and eagle and how we shouldn't tell ourselves we can't achieve things.'

**Pupil voice**

## This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on the new beginnings that a new year brings and any new values that might be helpful for us to adopt to help us to be the best version of ourselves.

We welcomed Jeremy from St. John's Church who spoke to us about new year's resolutions and how they can help us to focus and develop a skill or talent. He demonstrated, by 'playing his guitar', how we need to practise to become really good at anything. We were encouraged to embrace our uniqueness and get involved with the things that interest us.

Praise was again a time of joyful worship; we have an incredibly talented band who are clearly embracing opportunities to get involved, develop talents and truly flourish in doing so. The school again sang beautifully.

Mr Taylor and Mrs Stuart led our safeguarding collective worship where we were reminded of the importance of safeguarding and that it is everyone's responsibility to help make sure we all stay safe. We reflected on the fact we are like an egg - fragile on the outside with the potential to become something amazing. In the same way we need to protect an egg, we need to protect ourselves. Mr Taylor reminded us how privileged we are to have the education that we do and spoke to us about the importance of good attendance.

In class collective worship we have considered the character values that help us to 'hit the target' and achieve the things that we want to - the balance between being too arrogant or too humble and finding the sweet spot where we are able to be our best selves. We need to see and embrace the opportunities around us so that we can 'be an eagle' and soar.

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to focus on making sure that the things we do, the way we act, the things we say all lead us towards being the best version of ourselves. Help us to develop our character values so that we are looking after ourselves and each other. Thank you for a new year for a fresh start.

Amen

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