



Term 6 2022

Our Christian value this term is:

Respect

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HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value RESPECT.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT RESPECT TOGETHER...

We are learning at school about the importance of treating others with **respect** even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things they say. We have also been thinking about how we should treat the things that belong to us and to other people **respectfully**.

- Think of some practical ways that you show **respect** to each other in your family.
- Often we show **respect** to someone by the way we speak to them. What does this mean in practice?
- Do you treat one another's possessions with **respect**? What does this mean in practice?

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Respect - to get it you must give it"
Anon



READ TOGETHER...

Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses led the sheep across the dry and dusty desert to Sinai, God's holy mountain. But in the stillness of the wilderness, while the sheep were grazing, Moses' thoughts were never far from the plight of his people the Israelites, who were suffering at the hand of the cruel Egyptian king. Moses had left Egypt years ago. He felt guilty and wished he could help his people, but what could he do? He was not brave, he was not a **respected** leader. Who would listen to him?

And then in the distance Moses noticed something very strange. A desert bush was on fire. The flames licked hungrily around the branches and yet, strangely, the bush did not burn up. He drew closer and as he did so, he clearly heard a voice call to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Yes, here I am" stammered Moses. "Take off your shoes", said the voice, "for you are standing on holy ground." Reverently, Moses untied his sandals and fell to his knees. "I am the Lord God of your ancestors and I have seen how my people suffer under Pharaoh. I have heard them call out to me to rescue them and now Moses, I am sending you to lead them to freedom." "But I am nobody, I am nothing. How can I go to the king and expect him to **respect** a simple shepherd? How can I ask him to let the people go?" But God replied, "Do not be frightened, I will be with you." "But what if the people will not listen to me?" said Moses. "What do you have in your hand?" "A stick," Moses replied. "Throw it on the ground." Moses did as he was asked. To his astonishment the stick turned into a writhing, angry snake. "Now bend down and pick it up by the tail." Nervously, Moses did as he was asked. Immediately, the snake once more became a stick. "When you perform this miracle," said God, "the people will believe that I have sent you. Take the stick with you for with it you will perform great miracles. Now go and do as I have commanded."

And so it was that on that ordinary day an extraordinary adventure began for Moses and for the people of Israel. It was a story that the world would never forget.

Bible story based on Exodus 3-4



QUIZ Tangled Strings

Which stick became the writhing snake?



IMPORTANT DATES

05/09/22: INSET Day

06/09/22: Start of Term 1

24/10/2022 - 28/10/2022: School holidays

31/10/2022: Start of Term 2

15/11/2022: School Photos - individual and siblings

19/12/2022 - 02/01/2023: Christmas holidays

03/01/2023: INSET Day

04/01/2023: Start of Term 3

ACORN CLASS

Acorn Class have had a busy and productive end to this academic year. Year 2 have been busy finishing off their curriculum and have worked hard to demonstrate their understanding of the key skills. Some of Year 2 also attended the residential at Braeside where they enjoyed spending time with their North Cerney friends. I was very impressed with their levels of maturity and their resilience. They made it very clear that they would have liked to stay for the whole week and I am so pleased that Braeside is back in the calendar once again !

Year 1 have successfully completed their phonics screening check with all children achieving well over the pass mark - our strong track record for phonics continues

EYFS have also been busy conducting lots of practical learning as well as welcoming our reception child, Oban.



Acorns have been very busy and they should all be given a huge well done for working so hard this term. Enjoy your summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



Our visit to Cirencester Baptist Church in June

Wow! What a wonderful term we have enjoyed together! Our maths lessons have navigated us through the tricky topic of telling the time in analogue, 12 hour and 24 hour digital before we moved onto understanding some tricky geometry. The children have embraced two very different sources of inspiration for our writing this term. The first being the challenging and thoughtful poem 'Still I Rise' which influenced Oaks to write their own very powerful poems focusing on topics like sports day, goals for the future and the impact of bullying. The second story that inspired us was the true story of the three little pigs. We have unpicked this traditional tale to find out what really happened before the wolf huffed and puffed and blew their houses down!

Our other areas of learning have allowed us to continue our naturally inspired printmaking in art, carry out investigations into light in science, and understand where our clothes, food and toys come from around the world in geography. The children have worked so hard throughout all of this and they have produced high quality work that reflects this.

There are a few areas outside of the curriculum that have stood out this term, one of these being the delightful experience of Braeside. For those children who chose to join us on our residential, we enjoyed challenges such as low ropes, pond dipping, problem solving, and marshmallow toasting around the campfire. I was so proud of how every children brought such a positive and eager attitude that they all maintained throughout the entire trip, even when they were incredibly tired on day 3! Thank you to Oaks Class and the Year 2s who attended and made this such a memorable trip.



Finally, our school performance must be mentioned! Whilst the Mighty Oaks took on their writing, directing and speaking roles within the play, the Oaks put their attention towards learning and rehearsing the songs and supporting their peers to make this the best show we could possibly put on. Every child tried their absolute hardest during our rehearsals, which isn't easy when they took place on the warmest days of the year! Your efforts shone through when we were able to perform this to parents, so thank you very much!



As you will all know, this has been my last term at Bibury before moving on to new challenges in my career. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, parents and children who have supported me over the last two years. This has been the most memorable and marvellous start to my teaching journey.

MIGHTY OAKS CLASS

In our last term, Mighty Oaks have been writing some poetry based on 'The Tyger' by William Blake, choosing different animals to write about.

In science, we have been exploring the way that light behaves, including how the mechanism of our eye allows us to see (upside-down).

We have spent some time in writing parts of the scripts and lyrics for some of the songs in our end-of-year play, 'Back to the Romans' which we are preparing for performance on Monday, 18th July. Whilst it has taken much longer to get to a point where we can begin rehearsing, and hence much less time for practice, the children really feel a sense of ownership that they have never experienced before.



We have had our transitions this week, where our year 4 children spent two days in Mighty Oaks Class. We spent the first morning exploring how our brains work and what we need to do to become expert at learning. The children all helped to choose our remaining motivational characters to help us remember what these learning behaviours should be. Here are our full set:



The new 'year 5s' all seemed to settle in really well and are looking forward to forming a new Mighty Oaks Class next year.

On a sadder note, it is time to say goodbye to our leavers, who have been excellent year 6 role models, both in their approach to learning and their interactions with staff and other children. We are going to enjoy a fun morning of watersports on Tuesday so that they can have a final treat together as a group before they all move on to their next schools, where we wish them well.

FROM THE PTA

A PTA round up.....

Thank you for all your support throughout this academic year.

Over the year we have held a sponsored read, jumble sale, Jubilee tea party, teas at the village fete and setup the Ragbag collection bin to name a few fundraisers. The Ragbag bin, situated in Bibury football club carpark, is ongoing so please feel free to use it and spread the word.

Thanks to your support, your PTA has been able to fund coaches for KS1 and KS2 trips, which lowers the overall cost per child. We have also provided the 'bookworm of the term' books each term and Maths champion vouchers. With the ongoing building work, we will be supporting the school by providing a new library book unit and next term we will be focusing fundraisers on updating the reference book section and providing new wooden planters for the playground and front entrance.

Have a lovely Summer!

Mrs Helen Godwin, on behalf of the PTA

FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

What a busy term and year we have had! We are so proud of the incredible achievements made by the children and continue to be in awe of the amazingly high standard of education that your children receive from the dedicated team of staff. SATS results and the 'Juniper benchmark assessment' results are nothing but outstanding, particularly following all the disruption the children have had to their learning over the past few years. The children and staff are to be congratulated.

Building work has already started and we thank you all for your patience and understanding during the final weeks of term whilst the builders have moved in. We hope that this will be completed by the beginning of September and are all very excited to see the finished result. The extra teaching space will be invaluable to the children and enhance their learning environment. We intend to hold an open evening to showcase the finished work to parents and the local community on September 23rd at 6pm, with further details to follow.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Miss De Carles and Mrs. Cross at the end of term. We thank them for all their hardwork and commitment to school and wish them well as they move onto pastures new. We look forward to welcoming Miss Bevans and Mrs. Williams in September.

We hope you all have a relaxing Summer.



SUMMER SCHOOL PLAY

"Back to the Romans" - a musical journey through time to Roman Britain. The idea for the story, which involves some children accidentally stumbling across a time machine, came from the children themselves. The script that linked everything together was written by the children, and they also wrote the lyrics themselves. During the performance, there were some moving solos by the Year 6 children. The Mighty Oaks children acted out the story, and the Oaks children joined in with the singing. The children and teachers practised hard and it was a very entertaining production.





YEAR 6 LEAVERS

We said goodbye to our four Year 6 children at a special service attended by the whole school and staff, held at St Mary's Church on 18th July. They received their own "Bibury Bears" and Mrs Pascoe conducted the "Sorting Hat" ceremony which is a tradition at the school. We wish Lilly, Evie, Hammond and Theo all the very best as they move on to their new schools.



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

We are delighted to announce that Bibury Primary School has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

