

February Newsletter 2022

Our Christian value this term is:

Courage



COURAGE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COURAGE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT COURAGE TOGETHER...

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

Nelson Mandela



READ TOGETHER...

The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the Shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me."

The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king.

"I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced.

It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life."

"But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side."

King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out **courageously** to face Goliath.

The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people."

As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides. This was a day no-one would forget, when the **courage** of a shepherd boy saved a nation.

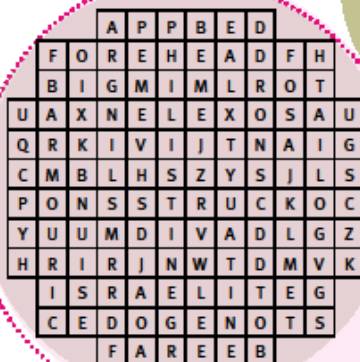


Bible story based on 1 Samuel 17

QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

ARMOUR	BOY	DAVID
COURAGE	FOREHEAD	GIANT
GOLIATH	GOD	ISRAELITE
PHILISTINE	SHIELD	SLING
SOLDIER	STONE	STRUCK



DATES TO REMEMBER

21/02/22 - 25/02/22: Feb Half Term

22/02/22 - School Governors' Awareness Day

28/02/22 - INSET Day

01/03/22 - Start of Term 4

02/03/22 - Special Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's Church (2.45pm)

03/03/22 - World Book Day

03/03/22 - Sponsored Read: Collection of Forms/Money and Prize Giving

05/03/22 - PTA Jumble and Cake Sale in Bibury Village Hall

09/03/22 - Sculpture Exhibition

11/04/22 - 22/04/22: April Half Term

02/05/22 - Bank Holiday

18/05/22 - 20/05/22: Wilderness Residential Trip (Years 5 & 6)

30/05/22 - 01/06/22: May Half Term

02/06/22 - 03/06/22: Bank Holidays

04/07/22 - 06/07/22: Braeside Residential Trip (Years 2, 3 & 4)

21/07/22 and 22/07/22: INSET Days

25/07/22 - 02/09/22: Summer Holidays

CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS







Well done to all the children collecting certificates for all their hard work this month.

SPONSORED READING

On Friday (18th February) every child will receive a Sponsored Reading form from the PTA. We are challenging the children to set an ambitious target and collect sponsorship money from friends and family and read as much as they can over the holidays and up to World Book Day on March 3rd - perhaps they could write some book reviews too? Mrs Godwin will collect all sponsorship forms and money on World Book Day in school and give out prizes to the children. We hope the children enjoy taking part!

JUMBLE AND CAKE SALE

On Saturday March 5th we are holding a jumble sale and cake sale in Bibury Village hall from 2pm to 4pm. If you would like to donate any good quality jumble or cakes to sell these can be left in the Church the first week back after half term. More importantly we hope you, friends, neighbours and family can join us in the village hall on March 5th to raise funds and grab a bargain!

THANKS TO OUR GOVERNING BODY

National School Governors Awareness Day has been created to raise awareness of governance in our schools and celebrate the contribution that governors and trustees make to improving the experiences of children and young people.

Owl class have written a poem of thanks to our Governors to say thank you for all they do in supporting the school.

Prayer for our governing body

Thank you to our governors:

For your time, your hard work and your wisdom.

Thank you for your determination to help our school improve.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Please continue to serve our school with enthusiasm, by listening, understanding and making the best decisions to help make our school a better place.

You are an important part of our community and we thank you for being part of our Bibury family.

From all at Bibury CE Primary school

GOODBYE MRS C

Annabel Crapper, known to the children as Mrs C, has made the difficult decision to change her career and will leave us at the beginning of March. She has been a valuable and hardworking member of the team, who will be missed by is all. We wish her every success in her new venture. Mrs Cross will take up her position and work alongside Mrs Spring from next term.

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

Acorns, Oaks and Mighty Oaks would like to invite you to an exhibition of our Term 3 sculptures after school on Wednesday 9th March.

This will take place at the church with Miss De Carles and Mrs Russell and we would love for any parents to attend at 3.15pm after picking their children up.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our talented sculptors!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD - IN FRENCH!

Mrs Campbell would like to say a huge thankyou to Mighty Oaks for their performance of Little Red Riding Hood in French ("*Le Petit Chaperon Rouge*"). They spoke beautiful French and acted their socks off....*Fantastique!*



SPORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Oaks and Mighty Oaks classes enjoyed an outdoor archery session at the school on 10th February.





WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

World Book Day arrives shortly after the holiday and we would like to use it this year to celebrate poetry. Please would you help your child to choose and learn a poem in preparation for the 3rd March. Although learning by heart is ideal, if they are struggling with this, they could work on becoming so familiar with the poem that they can present it with drama and understanding while still having the text as a reminder.

We will spend time on World Book Day sharing and celebrating our poems.

KITCHEN CLUB

Kitchen Club on the 8th of February was a busy day in the Village Hall for all the pupils, where they learned how to prepare a tasty Oriental meal of spring rolls and chicken chow mein, in keeping with the theme of Chinese New Year.





WEAR YOUR SCARF TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 11th February was "Wear your Scarf to School Day", where the children and staff were encouraged to wear their favourite scarf to school, to celebrate the end of Children's Mental Health Week, and to reinforce the values of **Safety, Caring Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.**



ACORNS

Acorn Class have had a very busy end to the term this February. The children have been learning how to write instructions and thoroughly enjoyed making a bird feeder before writing their own instructions for making a bug hotel. They may like to follow their instructions and make their own bug hotel this half term.

In Maths, EYFS have been busy learning their number bonds to 4 and 5 as well as investigating shape. Year 1 have been looking at place value using numbers to 50 and Year 2 have completed topics in 2D and 3D shape before starting work on fractions.

In Science, we have conducted lots of investigations linked to forces. The children have had a great time exploring gravity, friction and materials through weekly practical experiments. Our children have developed their skills in asking scientific questions, planning how to test these and recording their findings - we are super scientists.

Following on from our exciting trip to STEAM in January, we have followed this trip up by learning more about the invention of the railways before using our knowledge to

reflect upon how daily life changed when trains and aeroplanes were invented. As a class we decided that we enjoy being able to travel easily and quickly especially when we need to get our food shopping !

We have enjoyed finishing off our sculptures with Mrs Russell in Art and we have also had fun making coil pots using clay. In PE we have enjoyed our swimming sessions with all children making incredible progress this term ! Computing lessons have seen Acorn Class learning how to code using our new laptops with impressive results.

Children in Acorns Class have been very busy this term and they deserve their half term holiday to recharge their batteries ready for next term. Have a lovely half term holiday and well done Acorns.

OAKS

Oaks have had a very busy month filled to the brim with exciting activities.

Our English topic on persuasive writing has been finished off beautifully with some extremely exaggerated and bold adverts to convince our readers to buy our sustainable alternatives to plastic products, such as straws and takeaway cups. The independent writes have filled me with determination to think like an eco-warrior when shopping and eating out! In Maths, we've finished a very successful topic on perimeter and area. All children in Oaks have demonstrated a secure understanding of both areas. Well done!

Our KS2 trip to the REME Museum was extremely enjoyable and supported us in applying our knowledge about renewable energy sources to some practical experiments. The children all behaved brilliantly.

We also had a wonderful morning cooking up a storm with Kitchen Club. The delicious Chicken Chow Mein and Vegetable Spring Rolls were a scrumptious treat enjoyed by both children and staff! As always, we were all so impressed with how eager and sensible the children were throughout each stage of cooking.

As mentioned in our January newsletter, Oaks have been working hard in our Art topic on sculpture. That hard work has certainly continued and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting messy with clay with everyone! The self-portraits are fabulous! We should all be very proud.

I hope you all have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you in March.



MIGHTY OAKS

Mighty Oaks have had another very busy term, all working with enthusiasm and determination. They have made great progress in their understanding of fractional amounts and links to decimal numbers, tackling some complex problems with a range of strategies that they have developed.

In English, we all enjoyed learning about the two Antarctic explorers Scott and Shackleton which led to some excellent diary writing. We then enjoyed some more light-hearted science -fiction which allowed pupils to show both imagination and an ability to write exciting passages.

They have all thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to work in 3D during their unit on sculpture with Miss de Carles and have worked very carefully and thoughtfully to produce a range of pieces using different materials; their latest works - their faces in clay, are now painted and drying out in the classroom.

Over the course of the term, they worked on a mini production of Little Red Riding Hood all in French, which they performed for the Oaks class on the last week of term. Performing in front of others is scary at any time, but doing so in another language takes this to a new level and they did a wonderful job!

We concluded our science unit by investigating permanent changes. I think our favourite task was the creation of a sodium bicarbonate / vinegar - fuelled rocket - successful launches were greeted with whoops of surprise and delight! In our last two weeks, we spend some time learning about forensic science and, after learning about, and collecting fingerprints, managed to solve the mystery of 'who entered the Key Stage One outside play area' by matching our plaster cast of the perpetrator's footprint to one of the children in Oaks (who had kindly agreed to play the part of 'criminal'). We also used chromatography to find out which pen had been used to write a message.

Our geography unit focussed on how people are trying to improve the health of the planet by using 'greener' technologies and promoting less wasteful habits. We concluded the unit by designing a house of the future: popular features included solar panels, ground source heat pumps, greywater systems, wind turbines, sustainable

insulating materials and green planting on roof tops. Some children had also included references to low-energy bulbs and timers to reduce energy use.

As you can see, they have earned their holiday and I hope they are all able to relax and have fun with their family and friends over the next week. We look forward to welcoming them all back safely in March.