

Newsletter February 2023

Our Christian value this term is:

JUSTICE
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER...

Justice means more than making things 'fair'. In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to **justice** everywhere."
Martin Luther King Jr

READ TOGETHER...

The Story of Jonah

Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors. "It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah. The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did. They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Bible story based on Bible of Jonah

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QUIZ Word Fit

ANGRY

CALM

FISH

GOD

GROANED

JONAH

MOANER

OVERBOARD

PRAYED

STORM

SWALLOWED

ACORN CLASS

Acorn Class have been busy learning how to write non-chronological reports this term. Our subject was Bibury which tied in with our Geography topic which was all about our community. The children enjoyed finding out about the physical and human features of the village and discovering that the River Coln flows into the River Thames and that King Charles II once stayed in Bibury Court. The children were amazed to find out how old some of our buildings were and they have used their findings in their reports.

In Science, Acorns have been finding out about the parts of a plant and discovering which parts of the plant a broccoli, leek, carrot and pepper come from. We have watched bulbs and seeds grow and we have been observing the natural world in winter as part of our forest school sessions.

Swimming has been very successful this year with most of the children swimming across the pool with and without the use of armbands. We will swim again in September so try to keep up the good work in the pool if you can!

OAKS CLASS / MIGHTY OAKS

English: Oaks have been busy writing their very own non-chronological report on a natural disaster of their choice. Before this, we used an example of a non-chronological report about earthquakes and used different resources, such as images, clips taken from the news and clips about how earthquakes happen to get them an understanding of the type of information a report needs. Oaks have used a range of techniques such as subheadings, powerful action adjectives, and personification to engage the reader when writing their reports.

Geography: Over the last few weeks, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have been learning about the weather and climates of different regions in our world. To end the unit, they were instructed to complete an independent research task, whereby, they had to create a report on one chosen animal. They had to find information about the animal, where it lives, and what the climate for this animal is like.

Art: Oaks and Mighty Oaks finished the term by completing their collagraph prints. They printed using their collagraph print boards they made in previous lessons onto plain white card. Once these were dry, Oaks and Mighty Oaks then began to think about what retrofuturistic drawing they would like to sketch onto their print. They researched for/or created images of what they thought the future would look like and practised drawing these into their sketchbooks. They all practised using a range of

media such as pastels, charcoal, black fine-liner pens and pencils before deciding on their final design which they then drew on top of their prints.

PE: In PE, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have spent the past term practising skills for playing Netball. They practised a range of techniques such as footwork (pivoting), the different ball passes and working as a team. Towards the end of term, Oaks and Mighty Oaks began to play matches against each other, where they learned the rules of netball in action and rotated different positions.

MIGHTY OAKS

In Mighty Oaks, we completed our science unit by comparing the skeletons of different creatures to look for signs of common ancestry. We discovered that humans are distantly related to bats, lizards and budgies because we have similar bone structure in our forelimbs. In RE, we completed our unit of work looking at whether science and religion were necessarily in conflict (particularly in reference to the story of creation) and ended with a discussion of which types of questions science might be able to answer and which questions religions might attempt to answer.

Our final piece of writing this term also had links to science - the children produced some descriptive writing about the evolution of peppered moths.

We also enjoyed a trip to North Cerney School to join their year 5 and 6 pupils in an NSPCC workshop. It was good to meet up with friends made at the Wilderness Centre last year and to look forward together to our upcoming visit to Skern.

FOREST SCHOOL

EYFS and Year 1 have been enjoying our new forest school in Term 3. They have found rockets to launch us to the moon, collected different types of leaves, made kitchens in bushes and stomped on ice.



KS1 - GLOUCESTERSHIRE FIRE SERVICE

A fabulous afternoon spent with Gloucestershire Fire Service taking part in a unique Fire Safety Education session. All the KS1 children had the opportunity to look around a fire engine and even use the hose!



UP AND UNDER SPORTS

In Up and Under sports the children have been enjoying learning new netball skills and competing against each other in matches. The passing, pivoting and defence work has been brilliant.



ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance is currently : 94.27%

Acorns: 92.66%

Oaks: 97.03%

Mighty Oaks: 93.35%

FROM THE PTA

The PTA have hired Bibury Village Hall for a jumble sale, cake sale and raffle on Saturday 11th March 2-4PM.

We are asking for jumble donations (including good quality toys, books, bric a brac) from parents and pre-loved uniform to be left in the Church from Monday 6th in the designated area on the pews on the left you enter. More importantly we would love to see as many people at the event on Saturday 11th March as possible!

Bibury Primary PTA



Saturday 11th March 2pm-4pm

In

Bibury Village Hall

*to include good quality clothes, baby items, toys, books,
preloved school uniform, bric a brac and more!*

Cake Sale

and

Raffle

***All proceeds go to
Bibury Primary School PTA***