



Our Christian value this term is: Joy

JOY
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK TOGETHER ABOUT JOY...

Joy and happiness are wonderful feelings to experience, but they are very different. Joy is often understood to be an approach to life. Coming from inside, it is about being at peace in your spirit and thankful for all that is good in the world. For Christians, the knowledge that they are loved unconditionally by God helps them to know joy in their lives. Happiness on the other hand can be more of a passing feeling, based on things outside of you such as relationships with other people, possessions, places, thoughts and events.

Living in an attitude of gratitude can help us to know joy. What are you grateful for in your life?

Can you think of anything that stops you being joy-full?

READ TOGETHER...

The First Easter Morning

At the end of a long, sleepless Sabbath night Mary set off with her spices for the garden tomb where the body of Jesus had been put. As she reached the place, the first rays of the sun were catching the branches of the trees, birds were singing, everything was as it always was.... but what had happened to the stone that had covered the entrance to the tomb? Mary was rooted to the spot. Who could possibly have rolled away the huge boulder? She peered inside. Jesus was gone! Panic stricken she raced back to tell the disciples the news. Together they returned quickly to the garden and entered the cave.

Peter crouched down. He touched the strips of linen that had been wrapped round Jesus' body and now just lay there, neatly folded. Wild thoughts were now racing around the disciples' headsJesus had once told them he would rise from the dead. Could it really be true? Could Jesus really be alive?

Mary, meanwhile, was still in the garden, and all she could do was weep. Gathering all her courage she slowly stepped down into the tomb. To her amazement two angels, dazzling white, sat before her! She had no idea what was going on. Then one of them spoke, "Why are you crying?"

Mary replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have put him." In a daze, Mary stumbled back into the garden and sat down on the nearest patch of grass, tears streaming down her face. She did not see the person who came and stood just beside her. He spoke very gently, "Why are you crying?"

It was the gardener Mary said, "Sir, if you have taken the body that was in this tomb, please tell me where you have put it now."

"Mary," came the reply. Mary looked up, joy flooding through her whole body. It wasn't the gardener who stood before her, it was Jesus. He was alive!



THINK TOGETHER
Words of Wisdom

Sometimes your **joy** is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your **joy**.

Thich Nhat Hanh - Vietnamese Buddhist monk

Think about these words. What do you think they mean?

QUIZ Emojis tell the story

Read the story once again. Notice the ■ signs. Each time you see one, use the words from the list below to describe Mary's emotions as the story unfolds.

Design your own emojis to illustrate the words

Mary was:

Confused	Wary
Courageous	Grieving
Overjoyed	Shocked



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Joyful Memories

Ask an adult in your family to show you some photos on their phone of a happy occasion or event that you both remember.



Which are the most joyful smiles?

Either print out thumbnails of the smiles or recreate the smile as a painting or collage.

Write a sentence about the memory.



FAMILY FOCUS

"Let your joy be in your journey, not in the hope of your destination." Anan

When did doing something, or going somewhere together as a family, bring you joy?

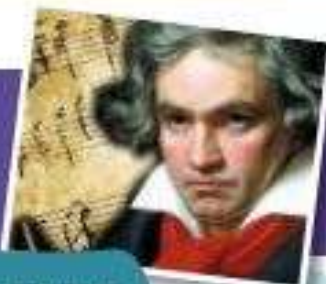
Draw a picture or make a collage showing the event...

Family Time



FASCINATING FACTS AND HALL OF FAME

On this HOME-SCHOOL VALUE sheet the FASCINATING FACTS section and HALL OF FAME section are linked because they are about the famous piece of music called Ode to Joy and its composer Ludwig van Beethoven.



FASCINATING FACTS

Ode to Joy

Ode to Joy by Beethoven is one of the most famous pieces of all music of all time!

It is part of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Beethoven wanted to set the ideas in a poem by Friedrich Schiller to music. The poem is about the joy and bonds of human friendship.

In 1985 Beethoven's piece was adopted by the Council of Europe (later to become the European Union) as its theme music because it was felt that it symbolised the values of peace, freedom and solidarity, which were shared by all the countries.



When the 9th symphony was first performed in Vienna on 7th May 1824, the audience loved it so much that, at the end they all stood to cheer and clap. Realising that Beethoven was completely deaf and couldn't hear them, they threw their hats and scarves into the air again and again to make sure he knew how much they had enjoyed the concert.

Why not enter 'Ode to Joy' into a computer search engine and listen?



HALL OF FAME

About the composer

Ludwig van Beethoven is one of the greatest composers of classical music who has ever lived.

He was born in 1770 and died when he was only 57.

Beethoven had to leave school at 11 years old because his father was an alcoholic and unable to work. Ludwig needed to earn money to support the family.

Beethoven wasn't only a composer, but also an accomplished pianist and viola player. He performed in public for the first time at 7 years old.

At twelve years old, Beethoven was already composing beautiful music.

At the age of 25 Beethoven began to go deaf. He wrote some of his best work after he had lost his sense of hearing completely.

Before settling down to work Beethoven used to dip his head in cold water. No one quite knew why he did this!

Beethoven wrote one of his best loved pieces of music entirely at night. He called it 'The Moonlight Sonata.'

CELEBRATION WORSHIP AND AWARDS

Great stars this month. Well done for all your hard work.



UP AND UNDER SPORTS

Welcome to Mr J. from Up and Under Sports. We had a great tag rugby session.



RED NOSE DAY

All the children loved dressing up in red! Thank you for your fundraising efforts.



CHRISTIAN AID'S GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

A lovely article in the Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard.

<https://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/24160530.north-cerney-school-work-tackling-global-poverty-recognised-award/>



North Cerney pupils are really good citizens

WORLD BOOK DAY - BRINGING BOOKS TO LIFE DANCE WORKSHOP – PUPIL FEEDBACK

On Friday the 1st of March we took part in a dance workshop- it was very exciting. We were bringing the story of The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo to life!

We all had lots of fun with all the dancing and freeze frames and lots of us would be hopeful to do something like this in the future!!
Catrina

I really enjoyed dancing to the story of The Butterfly Lion, it inspired me to read the book. It was also really fun because it expressed the emotions of the characters. They taught us really splendid dance moves and also included group dancing rather than just individual dancing. They also taught us about freeze frames which is when you act something out and then freeze as if you're frozen in a picture. It was really fun and I really enjoyed it.
Lydia

I really enjoyed the butterfly lion because it expressed the feelings of the characters and the journey they went on. I also loved the movements we did and how those movements made the story come to life and how we did the partner work to represent playing together and that just doing the partner work made the story more dramatic and emotional. It inspired me to make my dancing come to life . The person who taught us made us understand the story enough that we could become the characters. It made me understand the meaning of the story and the dance.

Mikayla

As part of World Book Day the children also made a crafted faces of the their favourite book characters from paper plates.



KS2 CROSS COUNTRY

A perfect cross country day - rain and mud! Well done to everyone who took part.



KS2 OXENDWOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE

What a great day at Oxenwood Activity Centre. We met a Mesolithic Stone Age man in the woods. We were so lucky to spot him! He'd been hunting. He started a fire with a flint then gutted and cooked the fish he'd caught! It was a great trip back in time!



EASTER COOKERY DAY

The whole school enjoyed making Easter treats: hot cross buns, chocolate nests, gethsemane cupcakes and cress sandwiches.



WREN CLASS

We have been reading *Handa's Surprise* in EYFS. We got to try some lovely fruit and wrote about our favourite and how it tasted.



It was great to see Mrs Pauling from Kingshill for P.E. We had a great time. It was a shame it was raining but we just set up in our hall.



Wrens have also been learning about capacity in Maths.



KINGFISHER CLASS

The children have been learning about the Stone Age in their history lessons and have loved playing archaeologist by examining different artefacts and thinking what these objects were and how they were used. This was consolidated on their school trip to Oxenwood where they focused on the Mesolithic period (they even saw a Mesolithic man).

In DT the Kingfisher class have been designing and making their own pop up books using a range of different folds and springs. They look forward to bringing these home and sharing them with their families.

Kingfisher class have been learning about the digestive system in science.



OWL CLASS

Owl class are looking at their bodies in science. We had a great time looking at our digestive system, heart and skeleton.

