

Learning and growing hand in hand together, following the footsteps of Jesus.



# HOPE

This term our Collective Worship focus will be based on the value HOPE. We hope your family find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.



READ TOGETHER

## God's Special Promise

The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God hoped that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again.

But God also saw that not everyone on earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. As word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes, Noah was tempted to lose hope, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building.

When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time, but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose hope of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return, he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last! And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow – a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of hope and promise. The world had been washed clean and was ready for a new beginning.

## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### MAKE A HOPES AND DREAMS CATCHER

Dream catchers are traditionally made from willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads, and other decorations. According to American Indian folklore, as we sleep, dreams are caught in the net and with the first days of sunlight any bad dreams are burned away. Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a hoop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame and then decorate it creatively to catch all the hopes and dreams you cast.



### WORDS OF WISDOM

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.”

Albert Einstein



### HALL OF FAME

### FACINATING FACTS



### RAINBOWS

- Rainbows are the reflection of the sun in the rain droplets in the sky.
- They are curved because raindrops are round.
- They are multi-coloured because each raindrop splits the sunlight into a spectrum of colours.
- The colours of the rainbow are always in the same order.

### SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

He is best known as a natural history film maker. He has made expeditions all over the world to watch and film wildlife in its natural habitat. His many TV documentary programmes have allowed us all to understand the wonder of nature and the importance of conserving the natural environment if species are to survive.

Sir David has shown us the impact humans have too often made on the natural world and the consequent struggle of wildlife to survive. His HOPE is that we leave future generations a planet that is healthy and inhabitable by all species.