



Collective Worship & Reflection Policy



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Our Vision

1 Corinthians 12:14

'Let all that you do be done in love.'

We are inclusive, welcoming others regardless of differences, appreciating and nurturing the uniqueness of each individual. We respect everyone, showing them the tolerance, understanding and forgiveness that we desire for ourselves. Love is the cornerstone of all that we do – the love of God, the love of others and the love of ourselves.

Our Theological Text – The Mustard Seed



The parable of Mustard Seed is explored throughout Collective Worship, reflection time and across the curriculum.

Intent:

The intent of the Collective Worship Programme at Naseby C of E Primary Academy is to:

- Provide regular opportunities for the children to participate in collective prayer and reflection.
- Frequently share and discuss stories from the Bible and discover the meaning and learning of these stories.
- Explore the meaning of each School Christian Value and express what this means to them.
- Build strong relationships with members of the school church and local community via the holding of regular Family Worships and Community Events.
- Encourage the children to think about current issues in the world and what they can do to contribute to the healing or improvement of this – i.e. charity work/prayer/changing their actions etc.
- Explore with the children the power of faith and how this can guide and support them in all that they do.
- Submerge the children in the joy of singing God's words.
- Create opportunities for the children to explore that of other faiths and gain a good understanding and mutual respect of their beliefs, culture and traditions.

Implementation:

Every day the children engage in 20 minutes of worship each day. To ensure that all aspects of the intent are delivered, the school offers a variety of different Worships. Collective worship is inclusive, invitational and inspirational.

Monday; Whole School Collective Worship led by the Head Teacher Mrs. Cook exploring Bible Stories (using Roots and Fruits by Imaginor) and linked to Understanding Christianity Timeline.

Tuesday; Class based Picture News Worship – What is happening in the world?

Wednesday; Whole School Collective Worship led by a teacher or Christian Ethos Ambassadors alternately, exploring Bible story theme and our school Christian Values.

Thursday; Singing Worship singing God's Words - led by a teacher linked to CW termly theme and using 'Out of the Ark' Collective worship by Sparkyard & Fischy Music.

Friday; Celebration Worship Celebrating God's Work - exploring achievements, certificates, singing and celebrating birthdays.

During each Worship, a variety of different approaches will be used to engage the children and allow them to connect with God. These are as follows:

- Singing
- Thought
- Prayer
- Stories
- Quizzies
- Drama
- Bible Readings
- Reflection
- Thought

Footprints:

It is important to the school that the children are taught that God is with them and especially in times of difficulty. Each year therefore, the children re-visit the poem Footprints during Collective Worship so that they gain a deeper understanding of the concept behind this poem.

Reflection:

In each classroom there is a reflection area which the children can use to add a prayer or reflection. The children can also go to this area during the day and use it as a moment of calmness and stillness if they want to be with their thoughts.

In addition to the classroom reflection areas, the school has a reflection area in the school hall for the children to use when not in class.

The Holy Trinity is on display in the school hall where there is an altar that is used during Collective Worship.

Forest Worship:

When available, a member of All Saints Church Naseby or Naseby Methodist Church, leads Forest Worship which takes place in our Forest School provision on the paddock.

This is open to all children, friends and family of Naseby C of E Primary Academy to attend.

Church Worship:

At the end of each term, all children, friends and family of Naseby C of E Primary Academy are invited to attend a church service staff and governors of our Naseby C of E Primary Academy team.

Christian Ethos Ambassadors:

Each week, children are invited to a Christian Ethos group who meet together to;

- Pray for themselves, one another, families, our local community and those who need help in the wider world.
- Discuss a bible story linked to the weekly collective worship theme and explore a short activity linked to this. The moral of the story or parable is explored in relation to how this applies in our lives today.
- Explore how we can help in our school our local community, nationally and globally.
- Plan a collective worship based on the weekly theme to be led and delivered by the team – supported by the Head Teacher.

Evidence:

Evidence of Collective Worship will be collected via:

- Regular pupil voice sessions
- Evaluations placed in the whole school Worship Diary
- Work & photographs placed on the school website
- Prayers and reflections in the class areas.
- Learning walk feedback on reflection areas and the use of this.

Impact:

The intended impact of the Collective Worship Programme is that the children will:

- gain an expected or higher level of attainment in RE.
- be able to connect with God and welcome him into their life, if they choose to do so.
- have a good understanding of the Christian Values and use these when making decisions and within their everyday actions in relation to others and the world that they live in.
- have a good understanding of other faiths so that they show respect to this.
- have developed skills to pray and reflect.
- have a secure understanding of the teaching of the Bible and God's words.