



End of Term Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2026

Next Terms Value is:

Hope



'With God's love, we are lights for the world.'

KEY DATES

ATTENDANCE

This Term the school's attendance was **93.7%** the national average is **97%**.

The Winning class was **Aquarium** with **95.69%**. Congratulations!

- **Aquarium – 95.69%**
- **Alpha – 95.56%**
- **Vesper – 95.35%**
- **Aviary – 95.24%**
- **Lunar – 94.27%**
- **Arboreal – 92.89%**
- **Solar – 92.46%**
- **Stellar – 92.17%**
- **Omega – 91.81%**
- **Aurora – 91.09%**
- **Alina – 89.66%**

VALUES CHAMPIONS



Hope Spring Term 2

Headteachers' end-of-term statement



Dear Wenlock families,

What a brilliant spring term we've had at Wenlock! As we head into the Easter break, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our pupils and share some exciting news about what's to come.

We're incredibly proud of our pupils' sporting achievements this term. Our curling team brought home a silver medal in the curling competition, a fantastic result! Multi-sports and football clubs have been hugely successful, with pupils developing their skills and showing great sportsmanship. At lunchtimes, we've seen a brilliant increase in participation in touch rugby, with more children than ever getting active and enjoying team games together.

FAREWELL



MR. HUDSON
& CINNAMON

Looking ahead to next term, we have football and athletics meets planned. We can't wait to see our pupils represent the school and continue building on this term's sporting success.

We're thrilled to announce that we have more Word Millionaires than ever before at this point in the year! This is a testament to our pupils' love of reading and their commitment to expanding their vocabulary. Well done to all who have reached this goal!

Our Iftar celebration was the best supported this year, bringing our school community together in a wonderful display of understanding, respect, and unity.

Thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make it such a special occasion.

Our Year 5 pupils had an amazing time at the Space Centre, where their behaviour was exemplary. They represented our school beautifully and came back full of excitement about space and science. We're so proud of how they conducted themselves. Our Year 4 pupils had the honour of representing Wenlock at St Albans Cathedral, where they sang beautifully and had a fantastic time. Their performance was outstanding, and they made us all very proud. Our Year 4 Easter service was truly special, featuring beautiful singing that captured the meaning and joy of Easter.

Hope Spring Term 2



Headteachers' end-of-term statement

Thank you to all the families who attended and supported our pupils. We're delighted that our new Eco Club has started this term! The members have been working hard to make our school a cleaner and brighter place, and they have lots of exciting activities planned for next term. Watch this space for updates on their green initiatives!

Next half term, our Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs. We hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest over the Easter break, but also find time for some study to make sure they're feeling confident and ready to show what they know.

We have every confidence in them! I want to take this opportunity to express my enormous gratitude to Mr Hudson, our Head of School, who has been an amazing right-hand man throughout this year. His dedication, leadership, and unwavering support have been invaluable to our school community.



Mr Hudson will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up the position of Headteacher at his new school. Whilst we are sad to see him go, we are incredibly proud of him and wish him all the luck and success in his new role. He will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families alike, and we know he will be an outstanding headteacher.

Have a wonderful Easter and we will see you safe and sound on 13th April.

Ms Burke



**BREAKING
NEWS**

The Graduation Post

**BREAKING
NEWS**

WENLOCK CE ACADEMY

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

SHE DID IT!

Ms. Burke Graduated!



CLASS OF 2026

*Congratulations to Ms. Burke on getting
her MBA!*

OMEGA NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 - 2026

Maths

In maths we have been learning all about fractions! We know how to write what fraction of a shape is shaded. We have learned what the numerator and denominator is too! We have started to learn about mass and capacity now.

English

In writing we just finished writing a journey tale. Our characters went on an adventure and defeated a monstrous creature! We had to make it exciting by using interesting vocabulary.

Reading

We have enjoyed reading lessons a lot. Each week we explore a new theme such as International Women's Day, classic novels, the environment and more!

Geography

We have continued our learning about mountains and rivers. We have looked at the topography of a map and the water cycle.

Science

Science week was amazing! We had fun with lots of experiments. In our other science lessons we have been learning about classification and grouping. We have explored some of the different types of animals.

RE

In RE we have been learning about Holy Week and its importance to Christians. We have explored how it is celebrated and why.

DT

In DT we have been learning about the function of everyday items. We have started to explore the designer William Morris and trying out block printing!

COMPUTING

In computing we have learned about effective searching online. We have learned how to find information and how to check if it is true. We have also discussed what to do if something we see online makes us uncomfortable!

SPRING 2

ALPHA CLASS



Spring 2 has been a short but sweet half term. We have had lots of exciting lessons especially our science week where we were able to experiment daily and explore lots of different topics. We also enjoyed our Red Nose Day events and learning about Eid!

ENGLISH

This half term we learnt about journeys and how they are portrayed within writing. We explored the beginning, middle and end of stories and how we use different tools for each part.

GEOGRAPHY

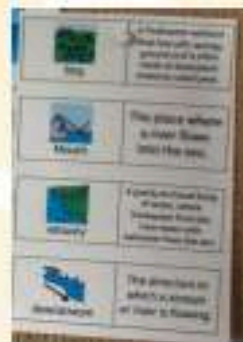
We have continued our learning around mountains and rivers. We have enjoyed investigating the lake district and all it has to offer!

RE

Our learning has focused on Easter and the build up to the special celebration.

MATHS

In Maths we have been exploring fractions, weight and capacity. We learnt all about g and kg and our beginning to explore ml and l. We have really enjoyed applying our knowledge to the real world.



DT

We have been exploring block printing and making patterns. We have enjoyed looking at Artist William Morris.





ALINA CLASS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 2026

What We Learned

English

This term we have looked at adventure journey tales. our characters have been on an interesting adventure and defeated mysterious creatures. We used specific adjectives and verbs to make our stories more interesting .

Maths

In Maths this term we looked at the different parts of a fraction and how we can use numberlines and bar models to help with our maths. We have also been looking at how we measure mass and capacity.

Science

in science this half term we have been focusing on classifying and grouping animals based on their characteristics. We also enjoyed taking part in science week! we looked at how bees help flowers, what is the best material for a hankie and how to tell the difference between different black inks.

Well done!!!

Well done to our year 4 children who have been practising their Easter Service and performing this at St Mary's Church!

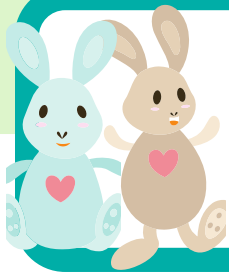
What We Learned

DT What We Learned

For DT this half term we have been looking at repeating patterns and creating fabric in the style of William Morris.

Geography

Geography this term has been the study of Rivers and Mountains. We have looked at the features of both and identified major rivers and mountain ranges across the world. We have also looked at the water cycle and we have made a brochure about visiting the Lake District.



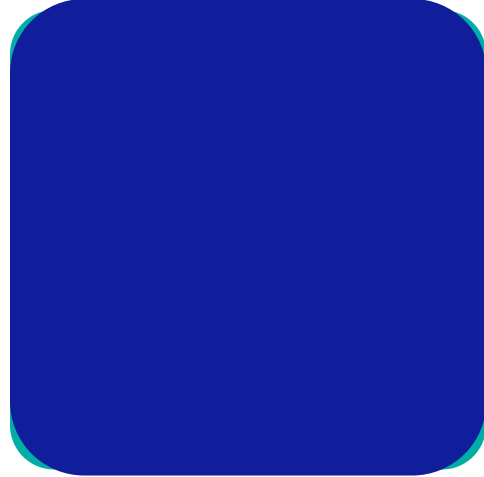
Aurora

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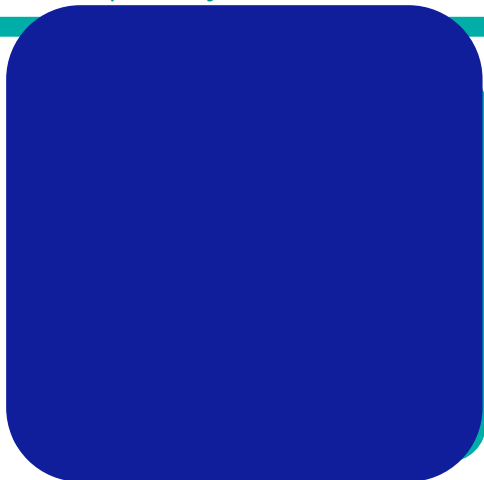
Voices of Hope

We were working hard to learn 7 new songs from I sing pop this half term. We all got to go to St Albans and meet up with the Year 4 pupils from across the trust for a performance. We enjoyed an organ recital and a tour around both the inside and outside of the cathedral before putting on our concert.



Science week

During Science week, we carried out three different investigations. The first required us to carry out some role play to understand the bees role in pollinating plants we also linked in with our DT unit of materials to see which would be the best hankie. Finally, we looked at how we can identify different pen inks. It was great to have some parents join us with this too!



Curriculum

In our main lessons, we have been busy learning all about fractions. In English, we have been writing an action narrative about a dragon and a door. within Science, we have been sorting and classifying living things. To finish our Geography unit, we have focused on the Lake District and creating a leaflet to persuade people to visit.



Book week

During book week we got to try out lots of new books. We had a book tasting event, where we read extracts of books, voted for our next class reader in our blind book event and dressed up for book day. We also created our own hero character for our own books. It was great to find new styles of books or authors we might like to read.

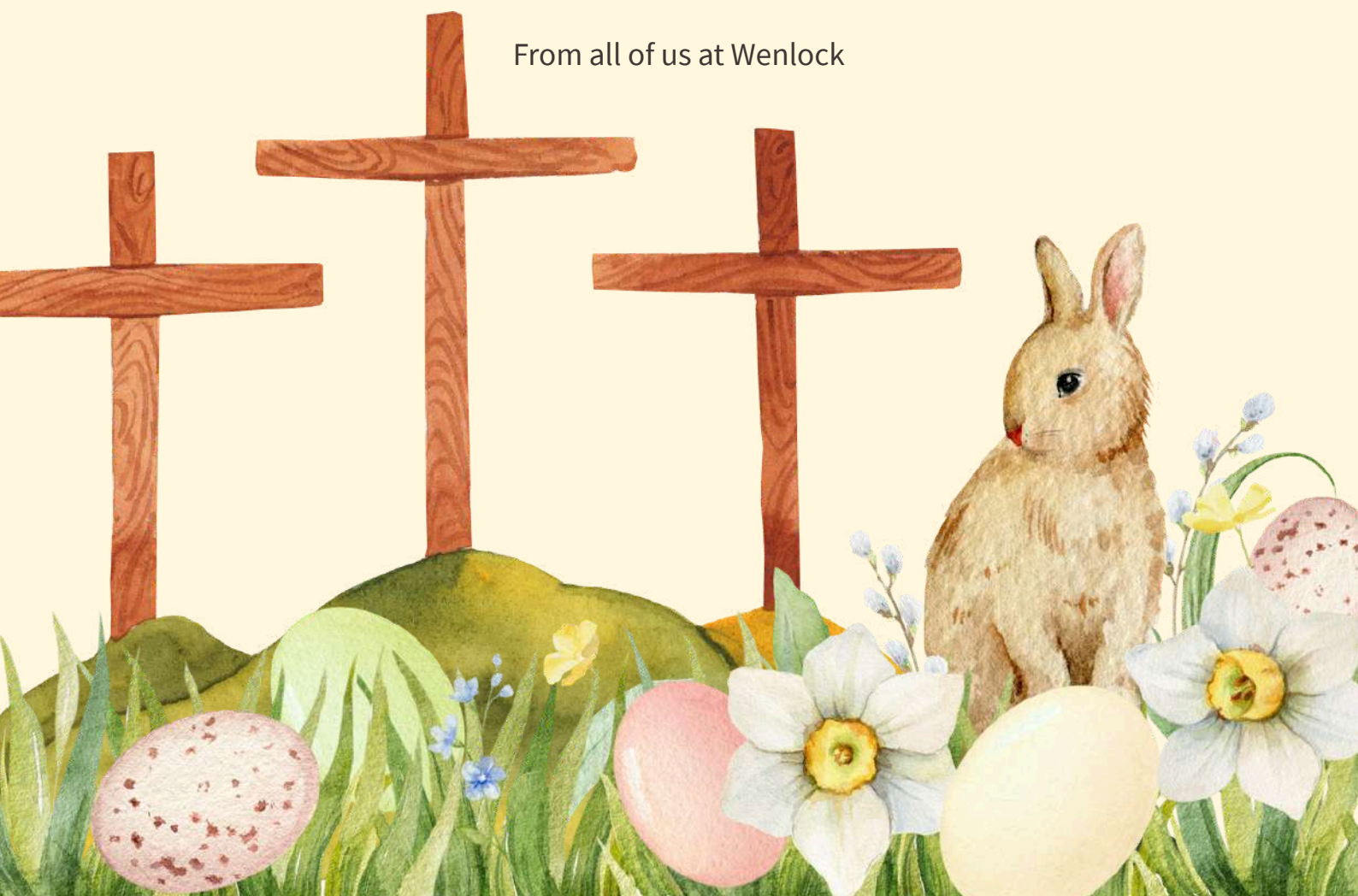


Happy Easter



May your day be filled with blessings, warmth, and meaningful memories shared with loved ones. May this Easter bring renewed hope, happiness, and beautiful new beginnings to your life.

From all of us at Wenlock



Vesper Class Newsletter

MARCH 2026

SING POP

We visited St Alban's Cathedral and performed some wonderful songs there.

What we've learned

In maths we have been learning about fractions - what they are, how to add and subtract them. How to convert them into mixed numbers and improper fractions. In English we wrote adventure stories.

Book Week

We did lots of fun activities including creating a Wenlock character, book reviews and choosing next term's class reader.

Science Week

We enacted how bees help with pollination and tested what the best material for a hanky was.

SOLAR CLASS NEWSLETTER



SPRING TERM 2

Teacher's Note

Dear Parents,

The children have really enjoyed their learning this half term and I am sure will enjoy a well deserved break ready for the Summer term!

World Book Day

In our class, we loved exploring different books together and sharing what books we liked to read.. We also guessed what the book was by reading the blurb and voting on the best one. Books can take us on incredible adventures, introducing us to many fascinating characters.

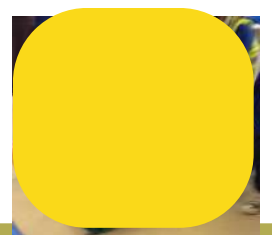
Science



This half term we completed a number of experiments, which we showcased at the Science fair. We enjoyed exploring how do boats float? using different models to see which can hold a crew of marbles before they sunk. We also created birds nests to see how they build their nests?. and whether they are wind and waterproof. We also looked at How we can tell different black inks apart? using 4 different black pens, water and absobant paper.

LINKING PROJECT

This year we have been lucky enough to take part in the Linking Schools project. We went to Stockwood Discovery Centre for a fun day with our linking school Wigmore Primary, we met children from Hawthorn Class. We had fun building a car in mixed groups with children from both schools. We also explored the grounds and museum.



English



In English the children have been writing for suspense and created their own escape narratives utilising the use of figurative language to create a suspensful atmosphere

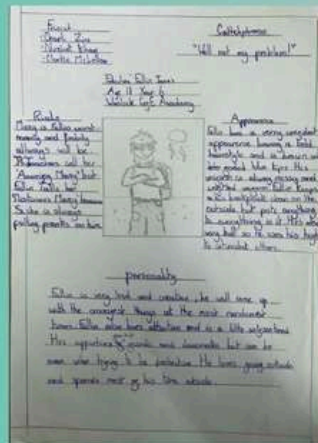
Lunar

Thank you to all the amazing children in Lunar for making this term so special. We've had a great time with many fun adventures that helped us learn and grow together. From trips to the National Space centre and Stockwood Park, that made making new friends exciting, to creative projects that showed off your skills and teamwork in science, each moment was fantastic because of your enthusiasm. We are proud of each of you and can't wait for more fun next term!

Mrs Waite/Miss Nye

Stockwood Park

Lunar had a memorable day at Stockwood Park, meeting new friends from Beach Class at Wigmore Primary School. The day was filled with engaging activities. It was heartwarming to see friendships forming as students laughed, played, and learned together. These connections are hoped to grow, fostering camaraderie and community.



Book Week

We dove into the world of books and had a blast during Book Week. We created our own Wenlock characters inspired by Horrid Henry, and it was amazing to see your imaginative ideas come to life!

We also enjoyed a mysterious "Blind Date with a Book," discovering new favorite stories hidden behind secretive covers.

Your writing skills shone as you crafted the first chapter of what could be your next novel, with ideas ranging from mischievous to inspiring.

Lastly, we teamed up to choose our class reader for next term. It's going to be an exciting read, sparking more book-inspired adventures. Remember: every book is a new adventure!



Science Week

Science Week at Lunar was an amazing experience, full of curiosity and discovery! We explored questions like how do boats float? Explained by buoyancy and Archimedes' principle. We used chromatography to tell black inks apart, revealing different pigments and also learned how birds build their nests, showing nature's engineering. Thanks to Fatima and Nuzhat for supporting the class at the science fair. Their dedication inspired other young minds to love science.



STELLAR NEWSLETTER

Spring 2

What We Learnt

DT – Cooking

In DT, we made our own vegetable curry. The children loved preparing, cooking, and tasting their dishes. We definitely have some future chefs in our class!

World Book Week

We celebrated World Book Week with exciting activities like book tasting and a "blind date with a book." The children also dressed up as their favourite characters and had a wonderful time.

Science Week

During Science Week, we carried out lots of fun experiments. We investigated how to tell black pens apart and explored how boats float. We also enjoyed having parents join us to build bird nests together.

Stockwood Park Trip

We visited Stockwood Park and met another Year 5 class from Wigmore School. The children enjoyed a fun treasure hunt and worked together to create their own vehicles. They showed fantastic teamwork and creativity throughout the day.



Wishing all our families a very happy and relaxing spring holiday!

Mrs Hussain and Miss Flemming

Newsletter

Frozen Kingdom

We have continued to explore the geography of the polar regions in our Frozen Kingdoms topic this half term. Through looking at Tourism in the Antarctic, we have considered how humans can impact the polar landscape and what protections need to be in place to sustain its wildlife.

What we have been learning

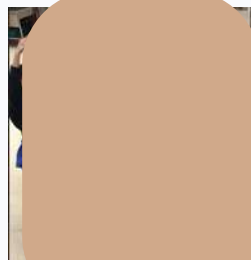
Maths

This half term we have been learning about how percentages are used and calculated. We have also extended our understanding of perimeter and area, adding new learning about volume.



English

We have explored Shakespeare through the story of Macbeth. We have used this as a base for developing our writing of dialogue and learning the writing techniques needed for discussion. We had an amazing time in our Macbeth workshop too.

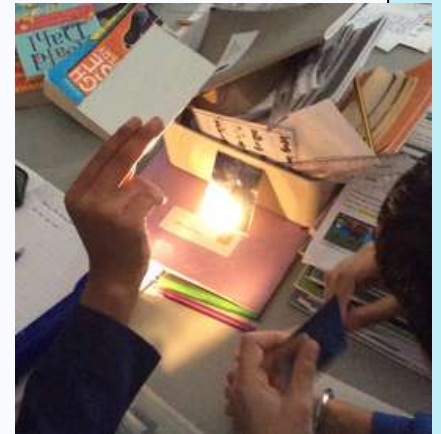


Science

We have started our new topic, exploring light theory – and have experimented with how light travels and is reflected.

Next Half Term

- CYE residential
- Maths week
- SATs
- Legoland
- Class photos



RE

This half term we are exploring the concept of salvation through the Easter story and the resurrection of Jesus. We have looked at different Easter week traditions and discussed the ideas of hope and forgiveness within the framework of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



ARBOREAL NEWSLETTER

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What We Learned

ENGLISH

This half term we have been fully immersed in Macbeth. We have written alternative endings with a focus on dialogue, discussed who is to blame for the king's murder and had fun during an Macbeth Drama workshop.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term we finished our Frozen Kingdom topic by joining together our Science understanding of adaptations and classification of animals. We also learnt about Shackleton and the expedition to Antarctica and the Titanic.

COMPUTING

In computing we have been learning about coding. We have explored cloning and hotspots and learnt how to program, test and debug our text-based adventure games.

SATS Reminder

As we approach SATs, please remember that we've got revision covered at school. Your child is more than a test score – focus on keeping them well-rested, happy and balanced at home rather than adding too much extra practice.

BOOK WEEK

We loved our final Wenlock book week where we took part in book tasting, blind dates with books and created Wenlock book characters. We finished off by dressing up as our favourite book characters.

SCIENCE WEEK

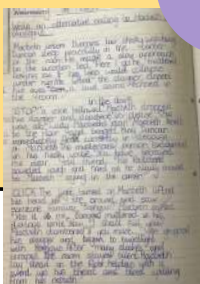
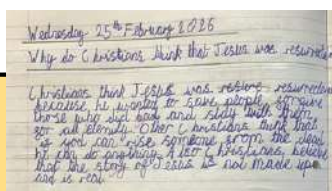
This half term we have enjoyed our final Science week at Wenlock. We used Science to find out how we could age a shark, use chromatography to find a criminal and spot patterns with toast falling butter-side down.

AVIARY CLASS NEWS

RE

In RE our focus question has been: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians? We explored why Easter Sunday is seen as a day of hope for Christians. We then looked deeply at why Christians believe Jesus was resurrected and looked at different evidence to support this.

To deepen our understanding, we visited St Anne's church where Mother Anne answered our questions about salvation and the Christian calendar.



English

In English our focus text has been Shakespeare's play Macbeth. We started by learning about the key features of this type of text and learnt how punctuation was used for effect. Then we applied what we had learnt by writing our own alternative endings for Macbeth.

We also enjoyed participating in a fantastic Macbeth workshop, which helped us to deepen our understanding of the characters and the plot. During the workshop we took on the roles of the different characters through freeze frames and acting.

Reminders

A little reminder to ensure that home learning is being completed on Learning by Questions. New Maths and English tasks are added each week inline with our curriculum and to support your child's learning in the run up to the end of Key Stage 2 SATS



Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about statistics. We have learnt how to read line graphs, dual bar graphs and pie charts, as well as how to represent information using these types of graphs. We also applied our understanding of percentages to help us answer questions based on pie charts with percentage data.

Highlights

We have had a very busy half-term filled with many exciting highlights these include:

- Book Week, during which we enjoyed book tasting sessions that allowed us to explore a variety of genres, designed our own Wenlock book character, shared our favourite books and ended the week dressing up as our favourite characters.
- Science Week, where we carried out a range of investigations, with our favourite being how to tell different inks apart. A big thank you to the parents who were able to come in to share our learning with us!
- Some of us even demonstrated the value of courage by signing up to Wenlock's Got Talent, showcasing a wide range of talents. We are incredibly proud of all our friends who applied!

HOPE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK TOGETHER about Hope

The value **hope** is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

The character Noah in the story opposite, was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he **hoped** and believed that God had a plan. As a family you may want to talk about:

- your **hopes** and dreams for the future
- what you can do to make them happen
- what others need to do

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Learn from yesterday, live for today,
hope for tomorrow"

Albert Einstein



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 the 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 all ready for a new beginning.

Bible story based on Genesis 6:1-9:17



QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah. 12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

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| NOAH | CREATURE | FORTY |
| ARK | DAYS | HOPE |
| BOAT | DOVE | NEST |
| BUILD | FLOODS | PROMISE |
| | GOD | RAINBOW |
| | | WORLD |

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The Basket of Dreams

This beautiful sculpture is on the hills overlooking Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand. It is called the Basket of Dreams and is made from a spiral of steel. Spirals can remind us that we have a choice about the way we live. We can either travel inwards towards self-centredness where we only try to think of ourselves or we can travel outwards towards the world and other people.



FAMILY FOCUS

Spiral of Hope

Start with a circle of paper or light card and draw a spiral. On the spiral write a **hope** or dream that you have that will make the world a safer, cleaner or more healthy place to live. Cut along the lines until you get to the centre, leaving a circle in the middle. Make a hole in the middle so you can hang your spiral from a thread.

(You may want to practice drawing a good spiral on some scrap paper before you start.)



FASCINATING FACTS

Rainbows

After a shower of rain we sometimes see a magnificent rainbow arched across the sky.

- 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 – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet – and red is highest in the sky
- an easy way to remember the order is using the mnemonic '**R**ichard **O**f **Y**ork **G**ave **B**attle **I**n **V**ain'. The first letter of each word is also the first letter of the colour.



HALL OF FAME

Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough 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.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Make a 'hopes and dreams' catcher

- Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped 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 rays 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 to make the net and then decorate it creatively to catch all the **hopes** and dreams you can!

