

Welcome to our fourth Christian Values newsletter from our Collective Worship Councillors.

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you all about our chosen Christian Value

for Term 5: TRUST



Our focus Bible story this term is The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30) which can be found in the New Testament.

Trust is at the heart of all positive relationships. We teach our pupils that in life trust has to be earned and that trust is key to living together in harmony and so it is to be valued and honoured. The Bible tells Christians that God is trustworthy because of His nature and that they should have confidence in Him. The Bible strongly advises us all to trust in God and to have faith in His grace, protection, and salvation. There are 39 references to trust in the David's Psalms alone and there are an endless number of Bible stories that we can draw on as a model for trusting God and others. When we talk about trust we also talk about faith. We understand that they are two different concepts but at the same time they complement each other. Christians have faith in God because He is trustworthy.

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped."

Psalms 28:7



For this pairs challenge you will need some

building

blocks, Jenga logs or dice

- use your imagination!

Who can build the highest tower?

Before you add a block to your tower you must name a person that you trust. We would love to hear how you get on.

☆ HALL OF FAME

Ernest Shackleton

From the time that he was a small boy Ernest Shackleton longed to go to sea. At sixteen he got his chance and joined the crew of a ship sailing to and from the Far East and America. This was the start of an amazing life of daring and discovery.

In December, 1914, Shackleton set out on perhaps his most famous voyage. It was his third expedition to Antarctica. His ship was called the "Endurance" and his mission to travel 1500 miles across Antarctica. Just 5 weeks later, "Endurance" became frozen in pack ice, unable to move. After being stuck for months the boat began to buckle, crushed by the ice. The crew was forced to abandon ship. They set up camp on an ice floe, but this was too dangerous so Shackleton and his men set out in three lifeboats. After six days, the men reached an isolated, uninhabited spot called Elephant Island.

Shackleton knew that for his men to survive, he must fetch help from a whaling station. It was 800 miles away but it was their only hope! Putting their complete **trust** in him and knowing their leader would return if it was humanly possible, the men watched as Shackleton and four others rowed away. Six long months followed before Shackleton was finally able to rescue his men 126 days later, after a journey of nearly 1600 miles.

Shackleton's courage and the **trust** he inspired in his men live on in legend.



Play two simple trust games. In the 1st game devise a small obstacle course in the living room (like a maze with pillows and other soft objects).

Blindfold your child and guide them through the maze. You can do this by holding your child's hand or by using your voices or both then swap roles. If you don't want to do the maze, then make it simpler. Blindfold your child and give them a cup. Guide them to a table where they can safely place the cup on top of it. For a further challenge, put some water in the cup! Good luck!

TALK TOGETHER about Trust

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them.

Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

"Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:3-4

Additional Bible stories about **TRUST** to read and enjoy:

The Stilling of the Storm
(Matthew 8:23–27)

The Story of the Fiery Furnace
(Daniel 3:8–25)

The Story of Daniel in the Lion's Den
(Daniel 6–7)

The Story of Noah's Ark (Genesis 7)