



Chester-Le-Street CE Primary School

Collective Worship

INTENT

At CLS, our worship offers the opportunity for our school community to engage in learning, reflection, response and prayer embedded with our Christian Vision - Let all that you do be done in love (1 Corinthians 16:14).

Our school community whether Christian, other faith or yet to decide are invited to gather for worship in this manner of love and respect enabling all to flourish from their experience.

Our Christian ethos forms the foundation of classroom worship, which is firmly rooted in Christian teachings and centred around our Christian Values of:

Thankfulness

Compassion

Endurance

Friendship

Wisdom

Service

These values are lived out throughout our school community and are celebrated in our VIP worship each week, where children who exemplify our values are celebrated.

Our Whole School Worship also enables the children to explore British Values through Scripture as well as reflecting on how these can be embedded in their everyday lives.

We also invite the school community to join us in a singing worship where God's message is explored and celebrated through song.

Even though our Collective Worship aims to reflect Christian traditions, there are also opportunities where other faiths are explored. This encourages mutual respect of other beliefs, cultures and traditions.

Collective Worship is also an opportunity to think about current issues in the world and how we can all make a difference. Regular opportunities are provided for the children to participate in collective prayer and reflection.

OUR AIMS

The delivery of interactive, varied and relevant worship ensure that our pupils will:

Enjoy worship

Become involved to whatever extent they feel comfortable

Feel a valued part of our school community

Share in cultural events, festivals and celebrations.

Feel safe in knowing that they can share their deepest thoughts - through prayer or privately.

Develop their spirituality and an awareness of it through different learning opportunities.

Be able to use the language provided by our values to articulate how our vision is put into action at school and beyond.

Identify with our school values and see them flourish in themselves and each other

IMPLEMENTATION

Our worship follows a set pattern, enabling all of our school community to take part. We use words of welcome and response followed by learning (a window) - where new perspectives are opened up through bible stories, poems, songs, images etc. We then reflect (a mirror) in moments of stillness and ask ourselves how the message has resonated with us. This leads on to our response (a door) where we consider how God might be asking us to play our part and make the difference. We end our worship by inviting everyone to join in prayer. These prayers are often the Lord's Prayer, our School prayer or a prayer may be linked to the value we have focussed on but could also be a prayer from the children themselves.

Our children are at the heart of worship and we are so proud to be developing the children as leaders of worship. In Y6 children have been working alongside Rev Dave Edmondson to plan and provide worship services for the whole school. This is something we will build upon and extend to other year groups as our children are very keen to take responsibility for worship and share their faith with others.

During worship, our children are engaged and active. They are keen to share their views and explore their own and other's understanding of biblical texts and ideas. Children listen to others with respect and welcome differing views to their own. They know that God loves them and share this at every opportunity.