



Richard Hill CE Primary School,
Thurcaston

Collective Worship Update

Spring 2023

Collective Worship at Richard Hill this Half Term

This half term worship has been led by Mike, Reverend Matthew, Mrs Knox and Mrs Applebee

From Matthew -

This last term from a Church calendar point of view is the most varied and eventful. Christmas season ends in early January with the arrival of the wise men/ kings from the east-Epiphany. This season ends fully with Candlemas the celebration of the baby Jesus in the temple and the historic church tradition has been to take new candles lit from the church symbolising the mission of taking the light of Christ beyond the church to a world of darkness needing hope. Finally we mark Lent as we empty ourselves of pride and embrace humility and the need to serve others as preparation for Easter. Easter, the celebration of God's love overpowering death. These are the lifegiving symbols which form the foundations of faith for life. As part of our Christian distinctiveness we live the church festivals throughout the year together. As the Church of England we inherit a rich historic culture as the texture to our spiritual life. Communication through the tactile senses with colour, music and the creativity of prayer, scripture and worship.

Words about Worship from Mrs Knox

Our Wednesday worship this term has all been based around the phrase: 'What Would Jesus Do?' Each week we have looked at a different real-life dilemma, and then considered what we might do, and what Jesus would do if he was in our shoes. The children have begun to reflect on what Jesus did and what he said, and to apply this to each situation. Our themes have covered Forgiveness, Kindness, Courageous Advocacy, Anti-Bullying and Generosity.

A message from Mike

This half term Mike has been helping us dive deeper into the same Bible story discovering something new about it each week. This true story from the Bible is when Jesus visited the home of Martha, who had become distracted away from listening to Jesus like Mary did, by all the little things. What are the little things that are distracting us? An increasingly frustrated Martha was met by a compassionate Jesus. Mary made Jesus 'number 1', that's what Martha was asked to do by Jesus, and that's what we've been singing and dancing about also.

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
patience
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
gentleness
SELF CONTROL

"We shall know them by their fruits."

