

Good morning everybody!

I know everyone has been busy being creative with their part of Miss Foster's whole school art project this week. I have seen some amazing beginnings to your sections of our quilt and I can't wait until we return to school so we can join them up and display them together!

Take your time, think about how you are representing each value or our vision, and make your section of our whole school art work amazing!



Each week I'm going to get us all to think about one of the Christian values of our school and how these are still important to us all, even when we can't all be in school together.

Can you remember all five of our values? This week's is the last of the five.



This week we are thinking about **Courage**

Our value of courage is about us all being brave and showing courage in different ways.

It's not just about being brave if we are hurt or ill. It's also about showing courage when we try something new and when we need to bounce back when things go wrong. It's also being brave enough to stand up for what we know is right and being brave enough to be ourselves which might mean being different from others around us.

I'm going to ask you to watch our school film about our Christian value of courage. While you watch, think about these things:

- Remind yourself about how our value is rooted in the Bible in the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den. There are two particular parts when Daniel shows courage – can you spot them?
- Listen to the children saying the 'courage is' sentences – think about how our value of courage means a lot more than just being brave if you fall over and hurt yourself

You can watch the film here:

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/christian-value-films/>

Or under the 'About us' tab on the school website.

Choose the Courage film

'Courage is... being resilient when you don't succeed the first time and bouncing back and trying again.'

I am sure there have been times when you have had to show resilience over the past few weeks:

Maybe there have been times when your home learning has been tricky and you've had to try something again and again to get it right?

Maybe you have got upset about something but have been able to bounce back and make things right?



Remember that in order to bounce back you sometimes needs someone else to support you and that an important part of being resilient is knowing when you need to ask for help.

'Courage is... trying something new for the first time'

I am sure we will all have tried plenty of new things over the past few weeks at home, whether it is different ways to get in touch with people or different skills you have been learning or different tasks you have been helping out with around the house.

I would love to hear about some of the new things you have tried for the first time and even see some photos!

I am sure you have all showed real courage to try lots of new things – well done!

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SOMETHING
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Courage is like a candle

Think back to the part of our film where the children explain how courage is like a candle or go back and watch it again.

Our courage grows when we have other people around us to support us, but that can be difficult at the moment when we can't spend time with our whole family, our friends and our teachers.

We should all try to support each other in whatever way we can at the moment.



Finally, we will finish our assembly, as usual, with a prayer:

Dear Lord,

Please keep us all safe and happy in this time while we are away from each other.

Thank you for our families and help us all to use this time to make our connections to our families, near and far, stronger than ever.

Help us all to show courage in all sorts of ways. Help us be brave enough to try new things and to bounce back when things are tough. We pray that we can all have the courage to stand up for what we believe is right and to support others to be courageous, too.

We pray for all those who are ill and all those who are caring for them all around the world.

Amen