

## Good morning everybody!

**Thank you** for sharing all your brilliant work about the VE Day Anniversary with your class teachers and for sharing some of the slightly different celebrations which have taken place at home recently.

There have obviously been lots of virtual birthday parties, lots of cakes and lots of deliveries! It is great that people have still been able to celebrate their special days, but in different ways!



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 we are thinking about Creativity

Our value of creativity is not just about drawing, painting, singing, acting or creating beautiful things (though we love to do lots of that at school usually), it is also about thinking creatively to solve problems and working together to do things. We want to be the ones who build things up, not knock them down! We also want to be positive and build each other up!

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

- Remind yourself about how our value is rooted in the Bible in the story of Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem
- How does Nehemiah show creativity in rebuilding the walls?
- Listen to the children saying the 'creativity is' sentences – think about how our value of creativity can mean much more than just creating or making things

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 Creativity film

**'Creativity is.... using our skills and talents to create wonderful things'**

In the past few weeks you have all certainly been creating lots of wonderful things at home. Here are just a few of the photos of your creations which you have sent in to your teachers. There are hundreds more of your wonderful creations on our website, too:



Next week, class teachers will be sending out information to all classes about **Miss Foster's whole school art activity.**

We are going to be creating a collaborative paper quilt (a bit like the one to the right) and everyone will be invited to create a piece of the 'quilt' which we can fit together when we are all back in school together. This artwork will hopefully be a permanent reminder in our school about how our school community has stayed connected and together during this very different time.

There's no assembly task to think about and do this week – please just try your very best with the whole school art activity when you get the instructions next week.



Miss Foster's example is amazing but yours will be even more creative!

**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 find time to show our creativity in different ways during this time at home – by creating beautiful things, by solving problems and by working with others. Please help us always be the ones who build things up and make them, not the ones who knock things down and break them. Help us to stay positive and build each other up, too.

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

Amen