



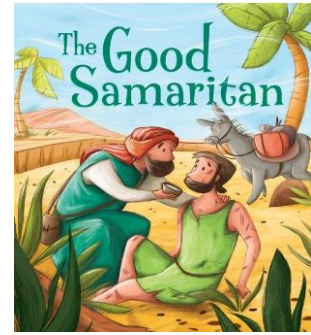
Our Christian Values

Flourish

'Let your light shine'
Matthew 5:16

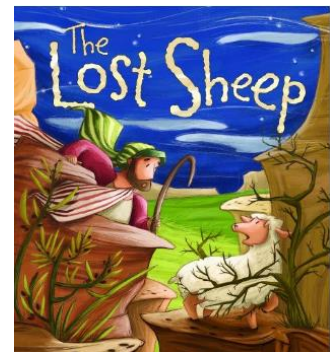
Love

Love is a very important value to us as a school. We want to show love, care for others and to be unselfish. Love underpins everything that we do. It is very much 'the why' of who we are. Love is evident in our relationships with each other. It is Love that guides us, as a school family, in all of our actions and enables us to flourish as a family. In the Bible Jesus teaches us about love in the story of 'The Good Samaritan.' We are taught to "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:31). It is not just the love we feel for our friends and family but the Bible is asking us to put others first and show love even to people we might not like. This story helps us to understand this important message.



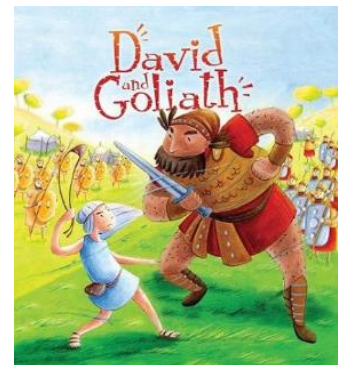
Joy

We want our school to be a joyful place where children enjoy learning and flourish in a safe and healthy environment where the unique value of each individual is recognised and celebrated. This will be enabled by relationships rooted in love and respect, learning that is skilful, creative and purposeful, and an environment that is characterised by beauty and order. Joy is not the same as happiness and acknowledges that sad and difficult moments happen. We recognise that joy isn't about what we have or can do but is about who we are and what we can give. The story of 'The Lost Sheep' and 'The Lost Coin' can help us explore the value of joy.



Courage

Courage is an important value because it enables us to try new things and experiences and know that by doing so, we can show that we love to learn. We learn to have the courage stand up for what is right and just and that it is our responsibility to acknowledge times of injustice. Courage guides us and our actions to demonstrate our love of learning in all areas of our lives. Jesus showed us the importance of making the right choices through the story of 'The wise and foolish builders'. The story of 'David and Goliath' teaches us to be courageous and have faith in ourselves. We show courage by standing up for what is right, by showing respect for others and by persevering when things are difficult. We try hard to make right choices and encourage others to do the same.



Truth

We encourage all our children to develop a reflective way of thinking and living and to be seekers of truth who will search critically for answers to the great questions of life. We believe that being genuine and honest to ourselves and to other people is important. Telling lies or exaggerating can be hurtful and destructive. It is much better to tell the truth straight away. Jesus teaches about the importance of truthfulness in the story of Zacchaeus the tax collector. Truth sits at the heart of what we believe and is reflected in our use of Restorative Practice to develop and manage our relationships.

