

# Thought of the week - Rotation C - Spring 2023

Thoughts of the week are to be displayed and kept up to date in every classroom and on the hall prayer board.

The references for each week may be helpful in conducting the KS2 church assemblies/KS1 classroom assemblies. Books can be found in the staff room on the bookshelves. Abbreviations for them are as follows:

- **SSEHV1: Sathya Sai Education in Human Values Book 1**
- **SSEHV2: Sathya Sai Education in Human Values Book 2**
- **GLDBT: God's Little Devotional Book for Teens**
- **BSA: Brilliant Stories for Assemblies**
- **CA: Christian assemblies for Primary Schools**
- **SA: Scholastic Collections - Assemblies**
- **R&F :Roots and Fruits - Creative Collective Worship for Primary schools**
- **50AA: 50 Active Assemblies**

Other books that can support assemblies can be found in this box, including stories, poems and prayers.

Also a good source of Christian based assembly ideas is [www.assemblies.org.uk](http://www.assemblies.org.uk).

**SPIRITUALITY:** Under SIAMS expectations we need to develop the spirituality of all pupils. One way of doing this is through questions and through the children formulating questions : the final column on the grid gives some questions.

I have also added a column that makes reference to **British Values** and **SMSC** as these need to be evidenced.

Please ensure that your assemblies are saved under:

Teacher resources » ABSubjects » RE » Collective Worship » Church Assemblies » Your initials

Meanings of the coloured cloths through this term =

<b>Green</b>	Used during 'Ordinary time' between the main festivals and seasons. This covers most of the year and can represent growth.
<b>Red</b>	Used to either mark saints' days where it represents their death as a martyr, or to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit (for Pentecost / Whitsun).
<b>White</b>	Represents being pure, in celebrations such as baptisms, weddings, and some funerals. Also used for celebrations either on its own or with gold. It is also used for saints who did not die as martyrs.
<b>Gold</b>	Key celebrations, for example Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.
<b>Purple</b>	Used for times of preparation and waiting, the reflective seasons. Key times are Advent and Lent.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - **Rotation C Spring**

**TERM:** January - April 2023 (The suggested Christian value themes for this term are Perseverance and Justice)

**Links to St. Barnabas church calendar**

Colour of cloth is written by date for you each week.

**Global learning dates - you may like to look at these during your Tuesday / Thursday in class worship:**

These days would be good for you to explore with your class during the Tuesday / Thursday Worship in class (if you are not following up a church calendar date etc.)

**16<sup>th</sup> Jan = Martin Luther King Jr.** Day One of Martin Luther King's most famous speeches is known as the "I have a dream" speech, where he described the future he dreamed of seeing - filled with racial equality, justice, hope, and freedom for everyone. What is your dream for our future?

**17<sup>th</sup> Feb = Random Acts of Kindness Day** We all know how to be kind to friends or family, but when was the last time you were kind to someone you didn't know? Spreading kindness everywhere is a great way to make the world a little happy.

**20<sup>th</sup> Feb = 20<sup>th</sup> Fairtrade Fortnight begins** Have you heard of the Fairtrade mark? You can find it on food, drinks and other products. Fairtrade ensures that the people who grow and make things - from coffee to vegetables to socks - are treated well and paid properly. How many Fairtrade products you can spot in your local shop?

**3rd March = World Wildlife Day** Did you know that humpback whales were once on the brink of extinction? 100 years ago there were only 450 humpbacks left, now there's over 25,000! Thanks to global conservation efforts, these peaceful giants are still with us today. It's amazing what we can do if we all get together and treat our planet with respect. But there's more work to do. The world is losing more and more of its wildlife. Which animal would you like to protect the most and why?

**8th March = Holi** Also called the festival of colours, Holi is an important Hindu celebration where people gather, have bonfires and throw colourful paint powder all over each other. Holi celebrates equality, and the triumph of good over evil. That's why everyone gets equally messy!

**19th March = Mothering Sunday** Sometimes our planet is described as "Mother Earth". Why do you think that is? Mother's Day is a day when we celebrate mothers. How can we celebrate our ""Mother Earth"" and show our love for her?

Week beginning	Thought for the week	Reference Helpful assembly books can be found in the staffroom on the bookshelves	Notes <b>British Values</b> (democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect) <b>SMSC link</b> (spiritual, moral, social, cultural)	Developing Spirituality Questions to consider and ask the children to encourage thinking
(1) 2.01.23 GOLD	<b>What can I give Him, poor as I am?</b>	From :In the Bleak Midwinter (Christina Rosetti)  R&F - pages 193 - 196 The visit of the Wise Men	Theme : Perseverance - pushing through BV : <i>Ind. Liberty</i> SMSC : <i>Spiritual</i> 6 <sup>th</sup> - Epiphany (Christian)	If you were taking a gift to Jesus, a gift that was a symbol to show you knew what his life on earth would be like, what gift would you take?
(2) 9.01.23 GOLD	<b>A person's a person, no matter how small.</b>	Quote : Dr Seuss <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPybpc-xuGO">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPybpc-xuGO</a> Aesop's Fable - The Lion and the Mouse <a href="http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/respect-a-whole-school-assembly-outline/">www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/respect-a-whole-school-assembly-outline/</a> Respect for others - who we respect and why?	School Values : Respect BV : <i>Mutual Respect</i> SMSC : <i>Moral</i>	How do you treat other people? Does your view of them affect the way you act towards them?
(3) 16.1.23 GOLD	<b>By perseverance, the snail reached the ark.</b>	Quote : Charles H. Spurgeon Aesop's Fable - Hare and the Tortoise R&F pages 177- 179	Theme : Perseverance - Running the Race of Life BV : <i>Ind. Liberty</i> SMSC : <i>Social</i> 18 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 25 <sup>th</sup> - Chinese New Year	Have you ever made fun of someone who takes a long time to do things? Maybe, like the tortoise they will surprise you.

(4) 23.1.23 GOLD	All great achievements require time.	Quote : Maya Angelou <a href="http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/661/going-for-goals">http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/661/going-for-goals</a> Setting personal goals and working to achieve them	MAGIC ; Motivation SMSC : Moral	What would you like to achieve - today? This week? This month? This year?
(5) 30.1.23 GREEN	When the world says, 'Give up,' Hope whispers, 'Try it one more time.'	Epiphany is the presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Mary and Joseph when Anna and Simeon recognised him and prophesied. This is called Candlemas and is celebrated in church on 2nd February. Luke2:22-38 Quote : Anon R&F pages 180-182 Refugees	Theme : Perseverance - Keeping going against all the odds BV : Mutual Respect SMSC : Moral	Show the children images of refugees today: what are their responses? Use an image such as 'The Flight to Egypt' by James Tissot - how would Jesus want us to respond to refugees today?
(6) 6.2.23 GREEN	To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest.	Quote : Mahatma Gandhi <a href="http://www.biblebasedassemblies.com/honestly/">http://www.biblebasedassemblies.com/honestly/</a> an assembly outline that looks at issues around what is honesty	School Values : Honesty BV : Rule of Law SMSC: Moral 14 <sup>th</sup> - St Valentine's Day	Think about an issue eg. Bullying. What can the children do to show that they 'live' what they believe?
<b>Half Term</b>				
(7) 20.2.23 GREEN	Fall seven times, stand up eight.	Ash Wednesday (22 <sup>nd</sup> ) Japanese proverb R&F pages 190 - 192 St Barnabas - 'son of encouragement'	Theme : Perseverance - Encouraging others to keep going BV: Ind. Liberty SMSC : Moral 25 <sup>th</sup> - Shrove Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	Did you ever have to try lots of times before something was possible? Who encouraged you? How have you encouraged others?
(8) 27.2.23 PURPLE	We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.	LENT TILL END OF TERM Quote : Epictetus <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3391/the-importance-of-listening">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3391/the-importance-of-listening</a> Listening - what is important to you?	MAGIC : Communication BV : Mutual Respect SMSC : Moral 1 <sup>st</sup> March - St David (Wales)	Why is listening so important?
(9) 6.3.23	I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.	Philippians 4.13 R&F pages 186 - 189	Theme: Perseverance - meeting a personal challenge	Who gives you strength?

PURPLE			BV : <i>Ind. Liberty</i> SMSC : <i>Spiritual</i> 10 <sup>th</sup> - Purim (Jewish) 10 <sup>th</sup> - Holi (Hindu)	
(10) 13.3.23 PURPLE	<b>It is not how much we give but how much love we put in giving.</b>	<b>Mothers Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>)</b> Quote : Mother Teresa <a href="http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1890/a-mother-to-many">http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1890/a-mother-to-many</a> An assembly about Mother Teresa and her work in Calcutta	School Values : <i>Charity</i> BV : <i>Mutual Respect</i> SMSC : <i>Moral</i> 17 <sup>th</sup> - St Patrick (Ireland)	Think of something you can do with love for another person - now do it!
(11) 20.3.23 PURPLE	<b>Learn to do right, seek justice.</b>	Isaiah 1.17 R&F - pages 202 -204 The workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20.1-16)	Theme : <i>Justice - seeing God's love in action</i> BV : <i>Rule of Law</i> SMSC : <i>Moral</i> Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Mothers Sunday	'It's not fair!' Have you ever said that? When and why? Why do we sometimes have to treat people differently in order to treat them fairly?
(12) 27.3.23 PURPLE	<b>The things that make me different are the things that make me.</b>	Quote: A. A. Milne <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2764/you-are-unique">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2764/you-are-unique</a> An assembly to celebrate uniqueness of each person	MAGIC : <i>Individuality</i> BV : <i>Ind. Liberty</i> SMSC : <i>Spiritual</i>	What is special about you?