

# Thought of the week

Rotation B - Autumn 2021

2021-2022 Academic Year overview	
Half-term block	Christian/Biblical Value
Autumn 1 : September – Oct half term break	Hope
Autumn 2 : October - Christmas	School value = Charity Agape (Love)
Spring 1 : January – February half-term break	Peace
Spring 2 : February - Easter	School value = Honesty (Justice)
Summer 1 : Easter – Whitsun half term break	Grace
Summer 2 : Whitsun – end of year	School value = Respect (Courage)

**Notes for staff** = Thoughts of the week are to be displayed and kept up to date in every classroom.

**This year children MUST be included in the planning and evaluation of Worship - so pick areas on the term's overview that allow time for this to happen.**

The references for each week may be helpful in conducting the KS2 church assemblies/KS1 classroom worships. Books can be found in the staff room. 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
- **50AA**: 50 Active Assemblies
- **SA**: Scholastic Collections - Assemblies
- **R&F**: Roots and Fruits - Creative Collective Worship for Primary schools

Other books that can support assemblies can be on this shelf, including stories, poems and prayers. Further prayer books can be found in the prayer book holder on the staffroom bookshelf.

**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 (photos / videos / ppts etc) are saved under:

Teacher resources » RE » Evidence » Your year group

### Dates for courageous advocacy – to link with the Christian values of Love & Charity in Autumn 1

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.)

- **Wednesday 8th September = International literacy day** = Being able to read and write gives you the power to find out information by yourself. Why is this important? In the 1960s only 42% of the world's population age over 15 were literate, now it is 86%. However, many children living in poverty, particularly girls, do not have the chance to become literate. How do you think this impacts their opportunities to escape poverty?
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September = International day of democracy** = A direct democracy is when each person shares their opinion directly. A representative democracy is when small groups each pick a representative and the representatives speak for the group in decision making. Try both methods to make decisions as a class. Which do prefer and why?
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September = International day of peace (also world gratitude day)** = Around 1.9 trillion is spent globally on militaries each year, but only \$50 billion is spent by the United Nations each year to keep peace. How do you think the money spent on war could be used to encourage peace instead?
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October = World animal day / world habitat day** = Animals can be categorised into 6 main types: amphibians, birds, fish, invertebrates, mammals and reptiles. You may not see these types of animals each day but they are all important parts of

the habitats we live in and the food chains we are part of. Can you find some examples of food chains in the ecosystem in Swanmore? How are humans affecting the animals in your ecosystem?

- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October = International day for the eradication of poverty** = The world's 26 richest people own as much as the poorest 50% (almost 4 billion people). Together, using just 1% of their money, billionaires could give every child an education, every mother and child health care, and everyone safe water, good sanitation and access to energy. Why might some people choose not to do this? Taxes are used to help share out money among a community, do you think it is fair? What do you think would happen if it was made illegal to have more than a million pounds?
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November = COP26** = Every year representatives from over 2000 countries meet to discuss how to tackle climate breakdown, This year's meeting, COP26, will be held in Glasgow. Each nation will share their plans to cut their carbon emissions. Why do countries need to work together for this? What might stop them making the plans we need to stop climate breakdown?
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October = World toilet day** = Toilets save lives. In the last 20 years toilets have added 20 years to humans lifespan. The money it costs to provide toilets is less than the cost of treating the illness resulting from the lack of access to safe toilets. Why should everyone have access to a toilet?
- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December = World soil day** = Soil stores more carbon than the atmosphere, and all of the world plants and forests combined. It is also the base that food chains are built on. Maintaining healthy soil is therefore an important part of protecting life on earth. What damage the soil in the area we live in? How can we protect it?

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**TERM:** September - December 2021 **Links to the Christian values of Autumn 1 = Hope Autumn 2 = Charity Agape (Love)**

**Green cloth 6<sup>th</sup> September till 8<sup>th</sup> November** **Purple cloth 29<sup>th</sup> November till 20<sup>th</sup> December** **Links to St.Barnabas church calendar**

Week beginning	Thought for the week	Link to church calendar, or ref?	BV = British Values SMSC link	Developing Spirituality
(1) 6 <sup>th</sup> September	From little acorns mighty oaks grow.	New beginnings 14 <sup>th</sup> century proverb. Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September = International literacy day	SMSC: spiritual , social	How do you want to grow personally this year? What do you want to achieve?
(2) 13 <sup>th</sup> September	May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.	Romans 15:13 Hope - use Diocese resources in ABsubjects - Re - Worship - Hope - reflection #1 Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September = International day of democracy	SMSC: spiritual 6 <sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)	What have you hopes for this year?
(3) 20 <sup>th</sup> September	And Jesus said to him, 'If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.'	Mark 9:23 Hope - use Diocese resources in ABsubjects - Re - Worship - Hope - reflection #2 Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September = International day of peace	SMSC: spiritual 15 <sup>th</sup> Yom Kippur (Judaism)	What do you think will happen if I removed a cornerstone? How would hope change then?
(4) 27 <sup>th</sup> September	"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."	Philippians 4:13 Hope - Bible story - Paul & the angry sea <a href="https://missionbibleclass.org/new-testament/part2/acts-paul-the-prisoner-spreads-the-gospel-from-jerusalem-to-rome/pauls-shipwreck/">https://missionbibleclass.org/new-testament/part2/acts-paul-the-prisoner-spreads-the-gospel-from-jerusalem-to-rome/pauls-shipwreck/</a>	SMSC: spiritual	How do Christians have hope with God's strength? When have you had hope?

		Wednesday, 29 September Michaelmas 2021		
(5) 4th October	Life is an opportunity, take it.	Mother Theresa quote Monday 4th October = World animal day / world habitat	BV: individual liberty SMSC: spiritual	What opportunities do you have in life? At school? At home? What are your choices?
(6) 11th October	'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'	<a href="https://www.brf.org.uk/products/celebrate-harvest/">https://www.brf.org.uk/products/celebrate-harvest/</a> The Bible story for harvest celebration is Luke 12:13-21 (Parable of the Rich Foolish Man) Harvest festival this week - invite SCM for donations	SMSC: moral, spiritual, social	Why do we collect donations at harvest time? Why do we choose to share?
(7) 18th October	Think before you speak.	Kindness	BV: mutual respect SMSC: social, moral	How can other people's words make you feel?
Half term				
(8) 1st November	The more you give away the more you have.	Charity Monday 1st November = COP26 2nd November = All saints day (when we remember those who have died in the past year)	SMSC: cultural, moral	How can you show the school value of charity? Do you think charity is important? Why?
(9) 8th November	Many hands make light work.	English idiom Charity	BV: democracy SMSC: social	What is the benefit of team work and working with others?

(10) 15th November	<b>Teach us delight in simple things.</b>	<b>Charity</b> Rudyard Kipling Friendship, avoid greed, contentment, helping others Friday 19th October = World toilet day	SMSC: spiritual	What brings you joy and makes you feel happy? Would the same thing give others joy? How can we as Christians help others to feel joy through our actions?
(11) 22nd November	<b>The only way to have a friend is to be one.</b>	<b>Charity</b> Proverbs Ch18 v24 GLDBT, p.84 Ralph Waldo Emerson SSEHV2 P.113 Friendship, kindness	BV: mutual respect SMSC: social <i>Hanukkah 2021 will begin in the evening of Sunday, 28 November and ends in the evening of Monday, 6 December (Judaism)</i>	Why do you think having a friend is important? How do you show friendship? Can you be a friend to someone you have never met? How would your actions show your friendship?
(12) 29th November	<b>Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.</b>	MAGIC Winston Churchill 'Listen!' p.109 50AA, p.68-69 Sunday 5th December = World soil day Advent 1	SMSC: spiritual, social	How do you want to make a difference in the world?
(13) 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Be the change you want to see in the world.</b>	Gandhi Advent 2	BV: democracy, individual liberty SMSC: moral, cultural	How do you want to make a difference in the world?
(14) 13th December	<b>Seek and you will find.</b>	Matthew 7:7 Advent 3	BV: individual liberty SMSC: spiritual, social <i>Human rights day</i>	Why do you think Jesus said these words? Why is it our responsibility to ask/seek/knock?

(15) 20 <sup>th</sup> December (Xmas holidays)	<b>Be satisfied with what you have.</b>	Avoiding greed, contentment Advent 4	SMSC: spiritual, cultural	What have you been blessed with? Why should we be satisfied?
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