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| Week Commencing 08.05.17 |  |
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| Teacher Lead- Mrs Batey | Tuesday |
| GROWING UP AND CHANGING (whole school) Proverbs 12 v 1 You will need a clean toy watering can/plastic bottle filled with water, a list of ingredients on the back of the bottle (love, security, helpful criticism, praise), a plant, a picture of a baby. Talk about the way we grow and change as we get older. One way of measuring growth is to measure height, another is to measure weight. Emphasise that we all grow at different rates. Show the picture of the baby. Talk about how much they weighed as babies and how much they have grown. Do not compare children with each other. People do not only grow in their bodies, they grow inside too, in their minds and personalities. This is difficult to measure. You cannot weigh this type of growth or measure it with a metre stick. You have to look for signs of it. One of the signs of growing inside is when people can accept being told they are wrong. This is extremely difficult to accept because it hurts our pride, but there is no growth without it. Growing up is not only a matter of age, it is a matter of attitude. Some children are very grown up in their attitudes. Ask pupils what plants need to grow. Just as plants need water, sun and soil to grow, so human minds and hearts need a number of things to grow: love, security and helpful criticism. Show pupils the bottle/can and tell them it’s a special formula that makes people grow. Ask a pupil to read the ingredients. Pupils might like to add some extra ingredients to the list.  Like seeds in need of warmth and soil, we need a watering of love. Like plants in need of sun and rain, we need a watering of care. Like plants in need of heat and shade, we need a watering of help when we go wrong.  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbYM-YaeNUM (From 1min 28) | |
| Comments from children-  What can we do to nurture others? Support others? How can we help others grow? How does Jesus help us to grow?  Faith? Does faith help us grow?  Children made links to previous assembly- Faith may help us to grow if we believe in ourselves. We can grow spiritually and emotionally as well as physically.   What happens when we give someone advice? When someone gives us advice?  Do we willingly accept support or do we find it hard to receive? Some children suggested that it would depend on how the guidance was given.   For Christians, they seek guidance from God through prayer. How do they pray? What do they pray for? | Mark 10:13-16 The Little Children and Jesus  13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.  Luke 13:10-13 Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath  10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. |
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| Teacher Lead- Miss McComb | Wednesday |
| UNDERSTANDING OUR MOTIVES AND CHANGING  Explain that today’s assembly is about ‘value’ and that you’re going to start off by playing a game that looks at some of the things that can be bought on eBay. You may wish to invite volunteers to the front to take part in the game, ask students to raise their hands to answer questions or simply ask students to think about the answers in their heads.  How much would you pay for a tub of hair? How much would you pay if it belonged to Justin Bieber? Reveal the amount that it sold for on eBay: £25,024  How much would you pay for a fedora hat? How much would you pay if it belonged to Pharrell Williams? Reveal the amount that it sold for on eBay: £26,444  How much would you pay for the hat that Princess Beatrice wore to the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton? Reveal the amount that it sold for on eBay: £81,100  We are all valuable. However, if we sold a pot of our hair on eBay, people might not be prepared to pay very much for it! Justin Bieber’s hair sold for such a large sum because of who it belonged to and because it had value to the person who bought it. Value is often judged on three things:  - WHO the item belongs to  - WHY someone wants it (their motive)  - WHAT someone is willing to pay for it  Ask the following questions.  - Which voices do you listen to?  - What evaluations are people making about your value and worth?  - Do you realize that you have a choice about whether to believe an evaluation is true or false?  Understanding our value affects how we let others treat us and how we treat ourselves. | |
| Children shared how they value each other Who do they value and why? Everyone is valuable to God- this is why he made the ultimate sacrifice.  All mankind are valuable- everyone has something to offer to the world.   What about those who intend to do harm to others? Children found it difficult to reflect on God seeing value in those who are intent on causing harm. We moved on to the concept of forgiveness. | Christians believe that God thought people were valuable enough for him to send his son, Jesus, into the world. One of the best known verses in the Bible is John 3.16: ‘God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son’. Christians believe that God’s motive was that he loved people. They believe that the cost of God’s love was him allowing Jesus to die. |
| Class 5 | Thursday |
| - You are loved.  - You are valuable.  - You are crafted with beauty and purpose.  - There is no one like you.  - You don’t need to look like the rest or talk like the rest or be like the rest.  - This world needs you as you are.  - There is no truth in the lie that you don’t matter.  - You were put here for a reason.  - You are loved.  - You were not an accident.  - You are not a mistake.  Ask the pupils to consider whether they believe these statements about themselves.  Ask the pupils, ‘If we truly believe these statements, how would it affect the way we live, the way we treat others, the way we allow others to treat us and the decisions that we make?’ | Prayer  Dear God,  Please help us to understand that we are precious and loved.  Help us to accept our value and allow our lives to reflect this.  Help us to value others and to take the time to see them clearly.  Amen. |
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