CREATIVITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value CREATIVITY. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT CREATIVITY TOGETHER...

Ancient paintings hidden deep inside dark caves, huge stones arranged on hill sides and plains, buried bowls and pots and intricate jewellery show us that from earliest times human beings have wanted to design and **create** beautiful things.

Each of us is **creative** but we all have different gifts and abilities. Some of us love to paint, others to cook: some like to make music, others to build models .....

- Talk together about each others **creative** gifts. Are there some gifts that you share as a family or are you all different?
- Is there something **creative** you have always wanted to try but never had the opportunity?
- Do you have a favourite piece of art? (It could be a picture, sculpture, piece of instrumental music, song or perhaps a poem.)

READ TOGETHER...

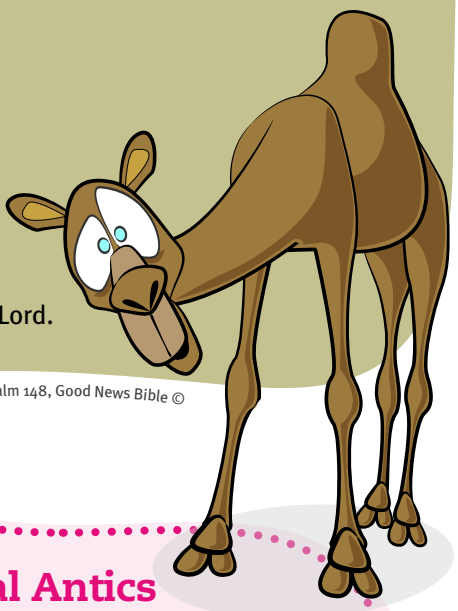
Psalm 148

People who believe in God often talk about him as the **Creator**. They believe that God made human beings in his own image which means that each of *us* is also **creative**.

3000 years ago people wrote poems and songs to God praising him for the wonders of the universe. Some of these are in the Bible. They are called Psalms. In these verses from Psalm 148 the writer imagines the whole of **creation** praising the Lord God.

Praise the Lord!
Praise him, sun and moon;
Praise him, shining stars;
Praise him, highest heavens;
Praise him, hills and mountains,
Fruit trees and forests;
All animals, tame and wild,
Reptiles and birds.
Let them all praise the name of the Lord.

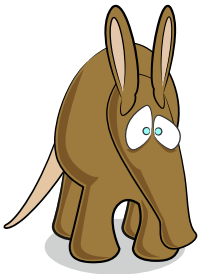
Bible story taken from Psalm 148, Good News Bible ©



THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"**Creativity** requires us to use all our senses and still imagine more"

Anon





QUIZ Animal Antics

My first is in crab but not in rabbit, _
My second in tiger but not in civet. _
My third is in beetle but not in wombat _
My fourth is in camel and also in rat. _
My fifth is in tapir but not in impala, _
My sixth is in ai but not in koala. _
My seventh is in otter but not in anteater, _
And my eighth is in elephant but not in cheetah. _
What am I?

Do you know what all these animals look like?
If not, look in the school library or Google the animal.

FAMILY FOCUS

Sensory Walk

In order to really appreciate **creation** and be **creative** ourselves, we rely upon our senses.

Go on a family walk in the countryside or park.

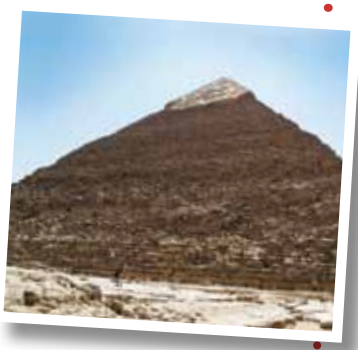
What can you hear, see, smell and touch?

Make a simple map of your walk and collect things from the ground (little sticks,stones, feathers, crispy leaves etc) to fix on to your map to help you remember what you have experienced with your senses at different places on the journey.

HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Wonders of Creation

Philosophers in Ancient Greece in the first and second centuries BC talked about the seven wonders of the world. They chose places such as the Egyptian pyramids, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the Colossus in Rhodes.



Many years later another group of people compiled a list of the seven natural wonders of the world. They chose the Great Barrier Reef (near Australia), the Grand Canyon (in USA), Mount Everest and others.

This month's challenge is for you to decide on the 7 wonders of **creation**. What will you choose? Your list could include a tiny insect, a beautiful flower or a huge sea creature. Think carefully. Either draw the wonders or take photos and write on the back of each why you have chosen them.

Bring your pictures or photos to school and in each class we will talk about the wonders of **creation** and decide which are really amazing!

HALL OF FAME

Andy Goldsworthy

Many artists are inspired by the natural world to **create** beautiful pieces of art of their own. Andy Goldsworthy uses natural materials that he finds to make sculptures and pictures. These often include brightly-coloured flowers, icicles, leaves, mud, pinecones, snow, stone, twigs and thorns. This creative artist became particularly famous for his rock balancing sculptures. On stony beaches many people make stone towers of their own.

Why don't you try making one next time you visit the coast?





Leaves polished and greased,
pinned to the ground with thorns.

FASCINATING FACTS

About creation

70% of the earth's surface is covered by oceans

The largest desert in the world, the Sahara Desert, covers 1/3 of Africa

The longest river in the world is the Nile at 4160 miles. In the UK the Severn is longest at just 220 miles

75% of the freshwater on earth is frozen in glaciers

The earth is 50 times bigger by volume than the moon

It is estimated there are 10000 species of birds and 5000 species of mammals on earth



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