St Silas

Collective Worship Non-negotiables Sept 2022

Whole School Worship

- Entrance/exit music that sets the tone for Worship and reflection
- A focal point on screen whilst pupils enter- could be a question, picture or quote- something to challenge their thinking
- Greet the children with 'Good morning', 'Loving Creator, Holy Redeemer, Ever Present Sustainer, We Welcome You' (encourage the children to reply in usual speaking tone)
- 3 candles lit as a focal point (Trinity)
- School Prayer to be read
- Introduction of the theme of Worship- as engaging and relevant to children's experiences as possible. Inclusion of a Bible story/quote where relevant.
- A song that children join in with (resources on staff shared)
- Time for reflection -a pause for thought. Light the candle or include something on the screen as a focus for reflection
- A prayer- could be child led

<u>Class Worship</u>

- The ideal opportunity to explore links across the curriculum and update reflection areas in the classroom. Could be a circle time type discussion where pupils are contributing. A chance to add to class scrapbooks.
- Include focal point to start with, the greeting, Trinity represented by 3 candles or image, a song, reflection and prayer
- Reflection area to be at the front of class and visible at all times

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Excellent Collective Worship

All the non-negotiables plus....

- A variety of Bible stories and quotes that the children may not be familiar with
- Drama- both planned and improvised
- Use of Music or film clips
- Poetry
- Stories from around world and other cultures
- Objects and visual aids
- Story bags and puppets
- Games and activities- a quiz
- Meditations and reflection that gives children a positive experience of stillness and the time to wonder
- Continues on into the classroom
- Spontaneous reacting to current events

Throughout the school day

• Prayers will be said before lunch and before the end of the day- this can be a set prayer or a child led prayer