

Talk about CREATION and STEWARDSHIP together...

Ancient paintings hidden deep inside dark caves, huge stones arranged on hillsides 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 other's 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.)

Christian Value is Creation and Stewardship



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

Family focus

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.

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, leaves, mud, pinecones, 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?

Home-school challenge: The 7 wonders of creation.

We want you to decide on your own 7 wonders of creation! What will you choose? Your list could include a tiny insect or 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 we will add them to our values display in the hall.

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.