Main song for the week:

My Lighthouse by Rend Collective.
(Watch out for the toy duck!)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJK
v7ptU

Please note that some video assemblies are on the website. Please check whether Mr Tutt has done a 'live' celebration again on Friday.

Collective Worship 18th to 22nd May

Themes: Storms, blessings and Pentecost

Note: If you choose not to pray, you can take a few moments to quietly reflect on the same theme instead.

Monday

There are many events in the life of Jesus that involve water that are not based on a river but on or around the Sea of Galilee. It isn't really a sea but it's such a huge lake that it acts like a sea.

The storm is our first one and one of the most well known.

Choose Activity A or B or try both.

Activity A

Make a storm. Find a jam jar with a tight screw top lid or a plastic water bottle. Put some water and a few drops of blue food colouring (or a small amount of blue paint) into the jar to make it about one third full.

Add some cooking oil so that when it settles there is about one centimetre floating on the top of the water.

Next add one teaspoon of glitter if you have some. Make sure that the lid is screwed down tightly.

Shake it hard and then watch how long it takes to settle again.

The internet has lots of more complicated ways of making storms in jars.

Active storm

Activity B

Ask to borrow an old bedsheet (a double one would be best).

If there are at least two people, take one side each and shake it as hard as you can. How quickly can you suddenly make it completely still? If there is just you then tie it securely to something like a fence post. Shake as above. Add a light ball or a few lego bricks. How high can you make them go without them flying off the sheet? How quickly can you make the objects completely still. You could use small soft toys instead. Do not use anything heavy.

Matthew 8:23-27

Watch the story here or read it in a children's Bible.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY

Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The

disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!" Song My Lighthouse by **Rend Collective.** (Watch out for the toy duck!) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU Think: Christians learn from this story that they can trust Jesus. They can trust him in real storms. They trust him and ask for help when life feels like a storm on the outside. They trust him and ask for help when their feelings are like storms on the Prayer and reflection inside. How do you deal with storms of any kind? Who do you go to for help? Thank you Lord Jesus for all the people that we can trust and thank you that we can trust you too. We ask for your help with any 'feelings storms' that are going on at the moment. We ask that you will stop any worry, anxiety or fear and that in its place you will put peace. Thank you that you replace storms with peace. Amen Tuesday The following link is of children singing from lots of different countries. It was made during 'lockdown' and is definitely worth watching. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w They are singing this blessing which God gave to Aaron (Moses' brother), to sing over the people of Israel. The Bible: The Lord bless you The book of and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you Numbers chapter 6 Verses 24 to 26 and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Think

Stop and think about the words. It says that God himself will give you peace. When I read 'The Lord make his face shine upon you' I think of the beautiful sun's rays streaming into a room. What do you think of?

Sunday 31st May is at the end of the half term holiday. It is called Whitsun or Pentecost. Pentecost is when Christians celebrate the 'Birthday of the Church'. God's Church grew and grew and grew and grew so that you can find people who follow Jesus all around the world. It shows a little of the worldwide Church in the video above.

Thank you Lord Jesus for your worldwide Church and that there are Christians to be found all across the world.

Prayer	Sometimes, at the moment, we have days of feeling lonely, missing our friends or feeling a bit down so please help us to feel full of joy today. Thank you that we are not on our own and thank you that you are with us. Thank you that we are part of St James school and, even if we are spread out, we have ways of being together. We pray that we will be able to come together again properly soon. Amen
	Thank God for technology and think of someone from school to get in touch with today.
Think	Below is the link for a grown up version of The Blessing with Christians from many different churches across Great Britain, joining in. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtll3mNj5U
Wednesday These are songs that link to the themes of the week.	Praise and singing assembly My Lighthouse by Rend Collective. (Watch out for the toy duck!) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU
	Be bold, be strong https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRvCUz6KFB4
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8IJpiTK9CM May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.
	Infants: Up times, down times https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVJ9mRML5DI
	Count your blessings https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNiNxprFg5w
Prayer	This song featuring lego characters was recommended by one of our families. Jesus you're my superhero https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FY4C930M2Y
	Use your own words to talk to Father God. You could include one thing that you are thankful for and one way that you would like God's help.
Thursday Activity Story In the Bible: The book of Acts, chapter 2	The story of the Day of Pentecost Jesus had already died and risen again and he did not have to die again. One day he was talking to his followers (his disciples) on a hillside when he disappeared from their sight. He returned to his Father in heaven. Now Jesus' followers were on their own and nervous of getting arrested for having been friends with Jesus. They did what Jesus told them to do. He told them to wait for the Holy Spirit to come. They waited and waited. One day they were in a locked upstairs room when something amazing happened! That particular day just happened to be the Jewish Festival of Pentecost which is why the story is called the 'Day of Pentecost.' Watch the story here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M

God filled them all with the Holy Spirit and suddenly they were no longer timid and afraid. They had courage and boldness to share the 'good news' about Jesus with everyone. That day three thousand people decided to trust and follow Jesus too. Those people told more people. They told their families. Their children told their children who told their children and so on! The church grew and grew and grew and grew. It spread across the world, down through the ages and down through history. That is why Pentecost is called the 'birthday of the Church'.

I once heard someone say that it was a bit like a river of Holy Spirit fire instead of water, that poured joy, peace and God's love on anyone that it touched. That sounds like a fun and exciting river with its source on the Day of Pentecost. I wonder what colour that river would be?

You could send someone some good news today.

You could paint a picture of the Day of Pentecost or of a river of joy!

When have you been nervous or timid? What helped to stop you from being

afraid?

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Be bold, be strong

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=zRvCUz6KFB4

Thank you Jesus that your story is good news. Thank you for filling the disciples with courage and boldness. We ask that you will fill us and our families with courage and boldness especially during this unusual time. Amen

Pray your own prayer for people in your own family.

Friday Today is celebration day. Check the school website for a video celebration.

Happy birthday to anyone with a birthday this week!

I would like to especially celebrate 'ENJOYING LEARNING and 'NOT GIVING UP' today. 'Enjoying learning' and 'not giving up' are 2 things that resilient children do. Resilience makes me think of protective armour. It is all about being strong. There are other learning powers that help you to be resilient. Can you think of any more?

What insects or animals can you think of that have a resilient outer layer? I thought of woodlice because they have a hard surface and can curl up.

Song

Prayer



You could create some paper or card armour to remind you to be resilient in your learning today.

Think of one way that you have enjoyed learning this week.

Think of one way that you stuck at something and did not give up.

Find a piece of ribbon, string or a pipe cleaner. If you want to, you could add beads or make a plait.

Ask someone in your home to present it to you as a celebration award for the things that you (or they) have thought of and then ask for it to be tied on your wrist (not too tightly though).





Prayer:

Thank you heavenly Father for another week. Thank you that even though we cannot go to school, we can still enjoy learning. Please make us very resilient. Please take care of our friends and families, keep us well and help those in hospitals to recover quickly. Please give wisdom to our Government and we pray that we will be able to return to school soon. Amen

Have a happy half term holiday.

If you love singing:

Here is a link to '**Out of the Ark'** songs. Some of them we know and use and some of them are new. They come up with the words and music. https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/

Other song links:

Bethel kids from 'Come alive':

This is amazing Grace. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxVadCcRfol

You make me brave. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8F3I05ZXW0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RG22jk-YUXY

Your praises - A video of children boating, singing and dancing. (Always remember that playing in any water is dangerous. Never do it without an adult and their permission).

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Rend Co. Kids - King of me - recommended by one of the Yr 2 children. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks6zl2hL2Uk