



Cycle 4
(Part of a
4-year cycle)

Pals, Perseverance and Plundering Pirates

Assemblies and thoughts for the day

Cycle 4 Overview 2023-24

Aims:

- To provide a four-year scheme that will support primary schools to develop important individual and community values whilst meeting the statutory requirements to provide daily acts of collective worship.

The Resource:

- Each week has an overall theme.
- Each week has one larger 'assembly', designed for a gathering of the whole school.
- Each week has four smaller 'thought for the day' or reflections, these are suitable for Key Stage 2 but can be adapted for Key Stage 1 / Foundation Phase.

The Overview:

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	.2-5 Thought for the day					Spiritual	Moral	Social	Cultural
1 4th – 8th Sept '23	.1 Pirate Treasure .2 Treasured Heart .3 Treasure In A Field .4 Hidden Treasures .5 Treasure Island School	1.1,2,3 'For where your treasure is...' (Matthew 6:21 NIV) 1.3,4 Parables: Treasure in a field and Pearl of great price	1.5 Treasures to be found at school	Doing something brave & setting goals	Perseverance	✓	✓	✓	✓

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2 11 th – 15 th Sept '23	.1 Making Memories .2 Memories Waiting To Happen .3 Barriers To Good Memories 1 .4 Barriers To Good Memories 2 .5 Helpful Memories	2.1&2 A personal retelling of the wise and foolish builders – Claudia and Angelika	2.3&5 Ramesh's theme park trips	Doing something brave	Self-control Liberty	✓		✓	
3 18 th – 22 nd Sept '23	.1 Solar Eclipse .2 Eating The Sun .3 Sun Bit By bear .4 Kala Rahu .5 Sun And Moon Stop Fighting		3.1 Facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth 3.2-5 Various stories about why we have a solar eclipse from around the world		Respect		✓		✓
4 25 th – 29 th Sept '23	.1 The North Wind And The Sun .2 Gentle .3 A Gentle Answer .4 A Gentle Action .5 Stronger Than bone	4.3 Proverbs 15:1 'A gentle answer...' 4.5 Proverbs 25:15 'A gentle tongue can break a bone'	4.1 Aesop's fable – the north wind and the sun 4.2 Coat race	Calm down	Gentleness Friendship Respect	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 2 nd – 6 th Oct '23	.1 Harvest .2 The Golden Goose .3 The Dog And His reflection .4 The Rich Fool .5 Needs Or Wants	5.4 Parable – The rich fool Luke 12:16-20	5.1 World's wealth and resources – 20% vs 80% 5.1 &3 Aesop's fables		Charity Modesty Respect	✓	✓	✓	
6 9 th – 13 th Oct '23	.1 Get Some Well-Being .2 Do Some Well-Being .3 Well-Being Checklist .4 Well-Being Checklist .5 Community Of Well-Being	6.2 Psalm 119:122 'Ensure your servant's well-being'	6.1 Meaning of the word 'well' 6.3-4 Well-being checklist 6.5 'The part can never be well unless the whole is well' (Plato)	Calm down	Doing the right thing Peace Friends hip	✓		✓	
7 16 th – 20 th Oct '23	.1 Good Is A Good Word .2 Do All The Good You Can .3 If Good Was A... .4 Good Lives On .5 The Dove And The Ant	7.5 Proverbs 3:27 'Do good to those who need it.'	7.1 'Do all the good you can' (John Wesley) 7.2 If good was a... 7.4 Aesop's fable – old lady and the wine bottle 7.5 Aesop's fable	Making someone feel welcome	Friends hip Goodne ss Self- control Respect		✓	✓	✓
8 23 rd – 27 th Oct '23	.1 All Hallows' Eve & Halloween .2 All Souls' Day .3 Dia de los Muertos, Day Of The dead .4 Pumpkin .5 Trick Or treat	8.1 All Saints' Day and All Hollow's eve	8.1 Festival of Samhain 8.3 Mexican festival 'Dia de los Muertos' 7.3 Pumpkin world records		Respect	✓			✓



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9 6 th – 10 th Nov '23	.1 Diwali .2 Lakshmi .3 Churning The Milky Ocean .4 Sikh Diwali .5 Feast For The senses		9.1 The Ramayana – story of Rama and Sita		Respect	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 13 th – 17 th Nov '23	.1 Sacrifice Remembered .2 Noel Godfrey Chavasse VC .3 Parkash Singh VC .4 A Mother's Hands .5 Everyday Bravery And Sacrifice		10.1 History of the Victoria Cross 10.4 The story of the mother's hands	Doing something brave (Autumn 1)	Remembrance Thankfulness Bravery Liberty		✓	✓	✓
11 20 th – 24 th Nov '23	.1 Dickins Medal .2 Chips .3 Sergeant Reckless .4 Warrior The War Horse .5 Bravery At Home		11.1 Maria Dickin, founder of the Dickins Medal – the animal medal for bravery		Remembrance Thankfulness Bravery		✓	✓	✓
12 27 th Nov – 1 st Dec '23	.1 St Andrew's Day .2 The Bones Of St Andrew .3 The Saltire .4 Thistles And Kilts .5 Haggis, Neeps and Tatties	Saint Andrew	12.1 Definition of UK, Great Britain and British Isles		Respect	✓		✓	✓
13 4 th – 8 th Dec '23	.1 Another Joseph's Dreams (Advent) .2 Important And Ignored .3 Important People .4 Making Others Feel Important .5 Important Traditions	13.1-5 Advent, Nativity including Joseph		Being a really good friend	Friendship Charity	✓		✓	✓
14 11 th – 15 th Dec '23	.1 Hanukkah .2 Hanukkah Menorah .3 The Dreidel Game .4 Latkes .5 Restoring Oil		The story and practices associated with Hanukkah		Respect				✓
15 18 th – 22 nd Dec '23	.1 Christmas Chaos .2 Seeing Christmas .3 Hearing Christmas .4 Smelling Christmas .5 Touching And Tasting Christmas	15.1 Chaotic Christmas Nativity 15.2-5 poems reflecting on what our senses experience during Christmas			Respect	✓			✓



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16 8 th – 12 th Jan '24	.1 Happy New Year – Helen Keller .2 Joy And Happiness .3 “Resolve To Keep Happy” .4 Worry Doubles, Happiness Helps .5 How To Happiness	16.5 Philippians 4:8-9 ‘... whatever is lovely... think on these things’	16.2 Chase the word – dictionary activity 16.4 Very different twins - Asha and Mandisa	Waiting for what they want, persistence	Persistence and resilience Joy		✓	✓	
17 15 th – 19 th Jan '24	.1 Character .2 Who Wins .3 Don't Judge .4 Character Fruit .5 Good Character	17.3 Jesus' instruction to his followers 'don't judge' 17.4 Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23	17.1 30 character traits 17.2 Native American Wolf Proverb	Going for goals	Our values are identified by our actions	✓	✓	✓	✓
18 22 nd – 26 th Jan '24	.1 Who Do You Think You Are, School? .2 Lifelong Learning .3 Right To Education .4 Latin Phrases .5 Just Saying		24th Jan – UN International day of Education 18.1 History of education in UK 18.3 Human rights		Liberty and rule of law		✓	✓	✓
19 29 th Jan – 2 nd Feb '24	.1 Fruit Of Your Labour .2 You Get Out What You Put In .3 Work Hard On Hard Work .4 Encouraging Work .5 If Work Was A...	19.1 The consequences of being lazy... Proverbs 24:30-34	19.1 Sayings including 'behind the scenes' & 'elbow grease'	Setting and achieving goals	Working hard Resilience			✓	✓
20 5 th – 9 th Feb '24	.1 A Good Leader Is Like Sunshine .2 Practice Leaders .3 Definitions Of A Leader .4 Helpful Leaders .5 Wise Leaders	20.1 Proverbs 16:10-16 'A good leader is like sunshine'	20.2 18 Qualities of a leader		Leadership Respect Helpful Wisdom			✓	✓



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21 19 th – 23 rd Feb '24	.1 Polite Daniel And The Lions' Den .2 King Nebuchadnezzar .3 Shadrach .4 Daniel And The Lions' Den .5 Mind Your Ps and Qs	21.1 The story of Daniel and the lions' den			Courtesy Respect	✓	✓	✓	✓
22 26 th Feb – 1 st Mar '24	.1 Lent – Good Times And Bad Times .2 Persevere And Appreciate .3 Optimist Vs Pessimist .4 Attitude .5 Good Or Bad Attitude	22.1 The Christian year, Epiphany, Twelfth Night, Carnival season or Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Lent etc...	22.2 King cake tradition 22.3 Glass half...? 22.4 'Attitude' by Chuck Swindoll	Responding an assertive way	Perseverance Appreciation Hope	✓	✓	✓	✓
23 4 th – 8 th Mar '24	.1 Respond Or React .2 React – Good Or Bad? .3 Harmful Reactions .4 Think And Respond .5 Responding To Opportunity	23.3 Proverbs 12:13 'Thoughtless words...' Proverbs 16:24 'Pleasant words are a honeycomb...'	23.1 Respond or react quiz 23.5 Story of Ramesh and the roller-coaster	Responding an assertive way	Kindness Self-control		✓	✓	
24 11 th – 15 th Mar '24	.1 Spring Festivals – Holi .2 Las Fallas .3 Spring Equinox .4 Spring Clean .5 Image Of Spring		24.3 When does spring begin?		Being positive Respect	✓			✓
27* 18 th – 22 nd Mar '24	.1 Sorry! Forgive! Easter! .2 Tom And Jack .3 Scales .4 New Life .5 New Life, Second Chance	27.1-5 Easter	27.1&2 The story of Tom and Jack	Changing an unfair situation	Forgiveness	✓	✓	✓	✓

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25* 8 th – 12 th Apr '24	.1 International Day Of Happiness .2 Happiness Controls .3 Getting It Wrong .4 Gross National Happiness .5 Quote Happiness	25.1 St Peter's advice for a happy community 25.3 Job 5:17	20th Mar – International Day of Happiness	Stopping and thinking when you are angry	Joy Happiness	✓		✓	✓
26* 15 th – 19 th Apr '24	.1 Quarrelsome Quails (Teamwork) .2 Quarrelsome Quail Questions .3 Team Work Goals .4 Team Work Roles .5 Team Work Quarrels	26.2 Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 'Two are better off than one...'	26.1 Buddhist tale – 'The Quarrelsome Quails'	Stopping and thinking when you are angry	Teamwork Courtesy Respect		✓	✓	
28 22 nd – 26 th Apr '24	.1 Vaisakhi (14th April) .2 Guru Granth Sahib .3 Celebrating Vaisakhi .4 Sikhism In The UK .5 Intercultural Education		28.5 Multicultural and intercultural education	Changing an unfair situation	Respect and Tolerance Courage Liberty	✓	✓	✓	✓
29 29 th Apr – 3 rd May '24	.1 Be Friendly .2 Friend Types .3 Good Friend? .4 Friend Qualities .5 Friendly Questionnaire	29.1 Proverbs about friendship: Proverbs 18:24; 11:13; 22:11;	29.4 A list of friendly qualities	Helping someone who is sad and lonely?	Friendship Kindness		✓	✓	
30 6 th – 10 th May '24	.1 Weights and Measures .2 Dishonest Scales .3 Measuring Friendship .4 Measuring Happiness .5 Measuring Others	30.2 Leviticus 19:35 'Do not cheat anyone by using false measures...' Proverbs 16:11 & 11:1 'Don't use dishonest scales...' 30.5 Mat 7:2 'Judging others...'	30.1 History of weights and measures including 'Le Grand K' 30.5 Aesop's fable – 'Two Crabs'	Telling the truth, saying sorry or making amends	Friendship Kindness Trust Fairness			✓	✓
31 13 th – 17 th May '24	.1 Feelings And Emotions .2 Bottling It Up .3 Anger Rising .4 Think On These Things .5 Spring Clean For Your mind	31.4 Philipians 4:8-9 'Think on these things...'	2nd week in May is Mental Health Awareness Week 31.1 List of 20 feelings	Relationships	Peace Calm Forgiveness		✓	✓	
32 20 th – 24 th May '24	.1 What's in a symbol? .2 Sign Language .3 Coats of Arms .4 Khanda .5 Stained Glass Windows	32.5 Stained glass windows in churches	31.1 Various symbols and signs incl. Buddhist Dharma Wheel 32.2 3rd week in May – Deaf awareness week 32.4 Sikh symbol - Khanda		Respect	✓		✓	✓

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33 3 rd – 7 th Jun '24	.1 World Environment Day .2 Hindu Creation Story .3 North American Creation Story .4 Gaia – Mother Earth .5 Reflect and Appreciate	33.1 Genesis creation account told in the first person by Ariel the angel.	5th June World Environment Day		Fairness Responsibility	✓	✓	✓	✓
34 10 th – 14 th Jun '24	.1 Environment Laws And Choices .2 Laws And Choices .3 Knowledge Before Action .4 Assisi Declarations .5 Some Difficult Choices	34.4 Assisi declarations	34.1 Article 12 and 27 of the UN rights of a child. Cost of creating a cotton t-shirt	Managing behaviour	Liberty Respect Responsibility Fairness		✓	✓	✓
35 17 th – 21 st Jun '24	.1 Comfort Zones .2 My Comfort Zone .3 The Thirsty Crow .4 Motivation .5 Your Uncomfortable, My Comfortable		35.1&2 Comfort Zones poem 35.3 Aesop's fable – The Thirsty Crow	Getting better at learning	Determination Self-control			✓	
36 24 th – 28 th Jun '24	.1 Amazing you! .2 More Than The Sum Of Our Parts .3 Prevention or Cure! .4 A Joyful Heart Is Good Medicine .5 Wise And Foolish Choices	36.4 Proverbs 12.25 'Worry can rob happiness...' Proverbs 17.22 'A joyful heart is good medicine'	36.1 Human body quiz; 36.1&2 Ingredients of a human	Managing behaviour and change	Contentment Happiness Kindness			✓	✓
37 1 st – 5 th Jul '24	.1 Be Kind, In Thought, Word And Deed .2 Kind In Thought .3 Kind In Word .4 Kind In Deed .5 Kind In Thought, Word And Deed	37.1&2 Philippians 4:8-9 'Think on these things...' Proverbs 4:23 'Guard your heart...' 37.3 Proverbs 15:4 'Kind words bring life...' 37.5 Various Proverbs	37.2 How to encourage kind thoughts 37.5 Community of kindness	Changing their behaviour for the better	Kindness	✓	✓	✓	
38 8 th – 12 th Jul '24	.1 Timeout .2 Benefits Of Timeout .3 Benefits Of Timeout .4 Practice Timeout .5 Practise Timeout		38.1,2&3 Benefits of a timeout & how to take a timeout	Calm Down	Calm Peaceful Self-control			✓	
39 15 th – 19 th Jul '24	.1 Memories (Leavers Service) .2 A Lasting Journey .3 A Funny Story .4 The School Motto .5 Advising The Future Me		39.1 Make good memories		Happiness			✓	

