



**HORSELL**  
C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Our School Value this half term is **HOPE**

### Our school vision statement

At Horsell C of E Junior School we believe that we are all 'made in the image of God'. Through a commitment to **Christian values** and **high academic aspirations**, we strive to provide a **rich** and **inclusive** education for every member of our school family.

#### School Values Newsletter: No. 2

##### What does the bible say about hope?

***For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

When these words were spoken, the people of Israel were in exile for their disobedience. A false prophet had told them that God would help them escape from Babylon in two years' time, and Jeremiah, a true prophet, had come to set the record straight.

He delivers the heartbreaking news that Israel will spend the next 70 years in Babylon. This is not the news that the people wanted to hear.

But God wants them to know that He still has a plan for the wayward nation. As time drags on, they're going to need to hold onto the belief that God isn't finished with them. This hope will help them maintain their stamina in the decades to come.

This story shows that hope for Christians is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon, even in the darkest times. We see that most clearly in the Christmas story when Jesus comes to earth as true hope for us all.

#### **Our School Values**

**Dignity (Autumn One)**

**Hope (Autumn Two)**

**Justice (Spring One)**

**Service (Spring Two)**

**Love (Summer One)**

**Forgiveness (Summer Two)**

*'You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word'*

Psalm 119:114

*'Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.'*

Jonas Salk

*'Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.'*

Albert Einstein

*'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'* Isaiah 40:31

#### **Reflection Corner...**

You could..

*Watch this video about the apostle Peter and hope:*



<https://www.friendsandheroes.com/uk/there-is-always-hope>

**Or**

*Write a prayer about what you hope for the world and say it every night for a week*

**Or**

*Draw a picture that shows Jesus as the light of the world*