



**MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER** - Wishing you all a very happy new year. It has been a challenging start to the term and I'm sad to have not been able to welcome all of our children back to school. Thank you to our parents for your continued support, helping us keep our children and staff safe with the special measures at drop off and collection times and for the critical roles you do for all of us. Thank you also to our parents who are with children at home, working hard to juggle remote learning and the everyday demands of life. Please remember if you have any questions or are having any trouble accessing the online content, to please email either your class teacher directly or [worries@westparksch.co.uk](mailto:worries@westparksch.co.uk).

## **THIS TERMS VALUE - TRUST**

This term we will be focussing on the value of 'trust'. Attached is some information and resources and challenges you could share at home together.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER** - If your child develops COVID symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school and you are waiting for a test result, please can you let the school office know at [covid@westparksch.co.uk](mailto:covid@westparksch.co.uk). This will help us prepare for the possible closure of a class bubble.

## **UPDATING OUR SCHOOL VISION -**

Our vision for our school has always been important to us. It sets out what we are trying to achieve so that everyone - our school family of staff, parents and our wider community - can work together to provide each pupil with the opportunity to become successful life-long learners in the wider world. We have been working together on this task and we would like to introduce our updated vision to you.

### **"Let your Light Shine" Matthew 5:16**

West Park CE Primary School provides opportunities to encourage and challenge all pupils to 'shine' through our inclusive curriculum, which is inspired by shared Christian beliefs, values and practises in our school family.'

## **Competition Time - WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

To introduce our new vision statement around the school, we need you to design a fantastic new logo - this must include the words "Let Your Light Shine". This logo will appear around the school and in your classrooms so everyone will be able to see it and share it. A4 paper can be used but we may also use the logo on our letters, like our school logo, so the writing needs to be clear.

So now is the time to be start planning and be creative. Get your crayons and colouring pens out and start designing!

Don't worry about sending it as there will be a box in each classroom for you to pop your finished design in when you return to school or send a photo to [office@westparksch.co.uk](mailto:office@westparksch.co.uk). Remember to write your full name and class name on the back of the picture or include when emailing into the school. Competition ends Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Kind regards,  
S.Humphreys  
RE Lead

# Young Artists' Summer Show

Made possible by Robin Hambro

## Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 5–19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts

Open for submissions  
11 January – 26 April 2021

Find out more and enter  
[royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists](https://royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists)  
#rayoungartists



## How can I enter?

Submitting artwork is completely free and is done online. First, a teacher needs to register your school. Once the school is registered, your artworks can be submitted. If you're 12 or under, a teacher or parent/guardian will need to enter for you; if you're 13 or over you can submit artworks yourself.

Each student can submit up to three artworks of any type and there is no theme. When you enter, we'll ask for images of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by our panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts.



## Permission form

The Young Artists' Summer Show offers primary and secondary level students the chance to exhibit their artwork at the RA – on site and online.

Students aged 5-19 (key stages one to five) and based in the UK can enter artworks in the Young Artists' Summer Show. Students aged 12 and under will need a teacher or parent to enter on their behalf; students 13 or over can submit their own artworks.

Student's full  
name

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Student's  
class / year

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Student's age

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I give permission for the above student to participate in the Young Artists' Summer Show. I have read the terms and conditions and understand that:

- My child's artwork, first name, and age may be shared on the Royal Academy of Arts and Young Artists' Summer Show website and/or social media channels.
- The Royal Academy of Arts may use the image of the artwork to advertise the Young Artists' Summer Show.

Parent/guardian  
full name

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Relationship to  
student

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Parent/guardian's  
signature

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Date

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

## TALK TOGETHER about Trust

**Trust** is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Trusting someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you"  
*Anon*



## FASCINATING FACTS

**The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI)**

When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can **trust** the lifeboat crews from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers.

- There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland
- Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moments notice to go out on their lifeboat



## READ TOGETHER... The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples: "Why are you so afraid? Do you not **trust** me?"

Bible story based on Mark 4:35-41



## QUIZ Crack the code

Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the message.

Thrown in a board game

1	2	3	4
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Jam is stored in this

5	6	7
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Opposite of dark

8	2	9	10	11
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Used to carry money

12	13	7	14	4
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Break the code to discover the message in the story:

11	10	4
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1	2	14	3	2	12	8	4	14
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11	7	13	14	11	4	1
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5	4	14	13	14
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## FAMILY FOCUS

### Get Knotting

Knot tying is an important skill for every crew member on board a sailing ship. For the various parts of the sails and rigging different knots are used and the crew have to **trust** that the knots are tied properly and will hold.

We all use knots occasionally to hold something securely in place. See if you can master these knots:

A Clove Hitch knot, to secure a rope to a post.



A Reef knot to join 2 ropes together.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### Build a Boat

This term's Home School Value has a watery theme. The challenge is to use scrap materials to construct a boat that floats and has a working sail.

Create a draught (eg by blowing or using a lilo pump) to check that the sail really does catch the wind and move the boat across the water.



## HALL OF FAME

### Ernest Shackleton

From the time that he was a small boy Ernest Shackleton longed to go to sea. At sixteen he got his chance and joined the crew of a ship sailing to and from the Far East and America. This was the start of an amazing life of daring and discovery.

In December, 1914, Shackleton set out on perhaps his most famous voyage. It was his third expedition to Antarctica. His ship was called the "Endurance" and his mission to travel 1500 miles across Antarctica. Just 5 weeks later, "Endurance" became frozen in pack ice, unable to move. After being stuck for months the boat began to buckle, crushed by the ice. The crew was forced to abandon ship. They set up camp on an ice floe, but this was too dangerous so Shackleton and his men set out in three lifeboats. After six days, the men reached an isolated, uninhabited spot called Elephant Island.

Shackleton knew that for his men to survive, he must fetch help from a whaling station. It was 800 miles away but it was their only hope! Putting their complete **trust** in him and knowing their leader would return if it was humanly possible, the men watched as Shackleton and four others rowed away. Six long months followed before Shackleton was finally able to rescue his men 126 days later, after a journey of nearly 1600 miles.

Shackleton's courage and the **trust** he inspired in his men live on in legend.



# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

## **Spring Term 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Inset Days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

## **Summer Term 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Half Term: 1<sup>st</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Inset Days: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

## **Bank Holidays**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021