



The Manor C of E Primary School

Values Newsletter Term 6: Courage



Welcome back to Term 6 – where has the year gone?!

As we are in sight of the end of the school year, the children will all be looking ahead to their next steps along their educational journey. For those making the leap to secondary school, this term's Value will perhaps be more prominent in their minds but the truth is, we all need a little courage from time to time – even adults!

Daniel and the Lions

This is a story about Daniel. King Darius liked Daniel because he was honest and hardworking. He decided to put Daniel in charge. The other servants of the king were very jealous of Daniel and they tried to find something that would get Daniel in trouble. Daniel obeyed God so they couldn't find anything.

Finally these men said to each other, "The only way we could get Daniel to disobey the king is if we made a law against his god." So they went to king Darius and said, "O great king, you are so wonderful that no one should pray to anyone but you." The king said, "That sounds like a great idea!" Then the men continued, "Everyone has agreed that this should be done and that anyone that prays to any other god should be thrown into the lions den." They lied and said that everyone who worked for the king agreed, but of course they never talked to Daniel because they knew he wouldn't agree. The king didn't know this, so he made the law and it couldn't be changed. When Daniel heard about the new law he did what he always did. He went home to a room upstairs and opened the windows that looked out over the city. Three times that day he went down on his knees and prayed to God just like he always had.

These men went to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking God for help. So they ran straight to the king and told him, "Daniel is ignoring your command. We have seen him praying to his God three times today."

When the king heard this he was very sad. He really liked Daniel and he didn't want him to die. He tried everything to get the law changed to stop Daniel from being thrown in the lions' den, but the men came to him and reminded him that the law could not be changed and Daniel would have to be punished.

So at the end of the day the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "I hope that your God, who you serve and pray to, will rescue you!"

A large, heavy stone was rolled in front of the den and the king went back to his palace with tears in his eyes. That night King Darius couldn't eat or sleep he was so worried for Daniel.

The next day, as soon as the sun came up the king got up and ran to the lions' den. As he got closer he shouted, "Daniel, has your God saved you from the lions?" The king waited quietly for a response.

Then all of a sudden Daniel said, "O king, live forever! My God sent an angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me because I have done nothing wrong."

The king jumped with joy and immediately ordered that Daniel be removed from the den. Daniel was lifted from the den and there wasn't even a scratch on him because he trusted in God.

The king knew that the men had tricked him into punishing Daniel so he punished them.

After that the king made a new law and he said, "Daniel's God is great, and I order that everyone in my kingdom must respect the Lord God, who rescued Daniel from the hungry lions."



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

“**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear.”

Nelson Mandela

TALK TOGETHER about Courage

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

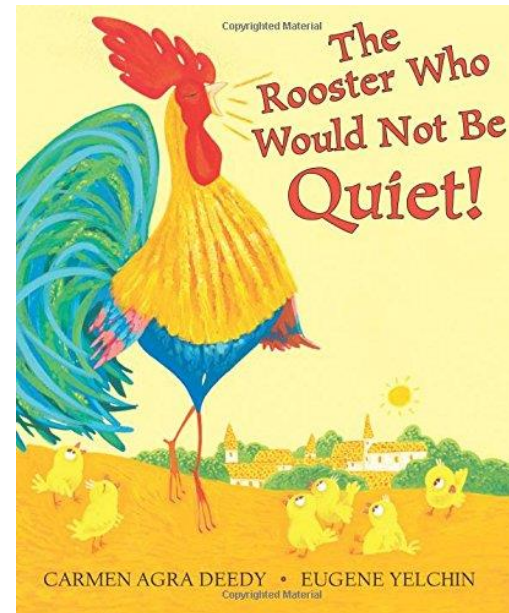
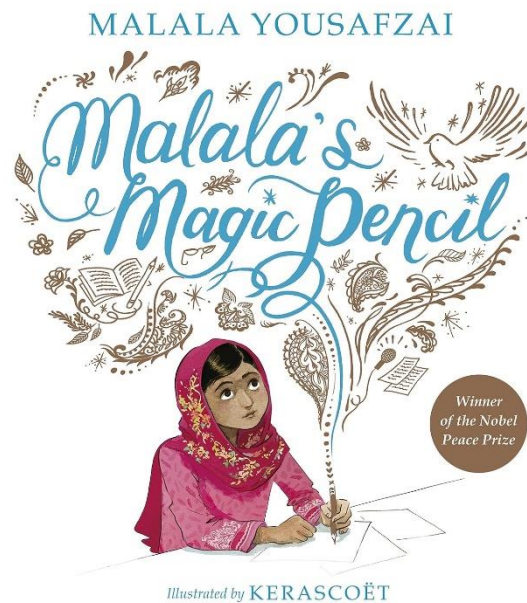
Lord God,
We thank you for your care and protection. Thank you for giving us courage when things get difficult.

Amen.

Where can we find stories about Courage?

Mrs Sell LOVES reading stories and would love to find more stories for our Value of Courage. Here is your final challenge for the year...

Bring me a copy of a story which you feel shows the value of Courage and tell me about it. There's a sticker waiting for you if you do and if I can't find it in our library, it soon will be!



The small village of La Paz has a problem – it's very noisy! The arrival of a new Mayor brings peace and quiet – he bans all singing! The villagers fear to make a sound but Rooster does what he's born to do – crow loudly, even if he's breaking the rules!

This is Malala's story, in her own words. She believes that all girls have a right to an education and is prepared to make her voice heard even in the most difficult of times.



Aspire, Believe, Achieve

Shine like stars in the sky – Philippians 2 v15