Nacton C of E Primary School
CURIOSITY – Summer term 2025

Definition: **<u>Curiosity is a disposition to want to know more or to learn more about a wide variety of things. This can include wanting to know more about God.</u>** ***Christians believe curiosity is about God and for God. It is an expression of worship. Being curious honours God by exploring the depths and breadth of his creation and who he is. The Bible suggests that curiosity, the desire to learn and acquire greater wisdom, to gain insight and understanding is to be part of our life.***	**Key Bible Character – Zaccheaus**  Zacchaeus was a dishonest man whose curiosity resulted in a life changing encounter with Jesus.
Questions - What does it mean to be curious? How can I be curious every day? When might curiosity be most helpful? How does it make me a better learner? How does curiosity help me understand other people? How does curiosity help me understand myself?	**Key Bible verse: "Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." Jeremiah 33:3**

High Quality Collective Worship ***INSPIRING INVITATIONAL INCLUSIVE***	
Worship leaders need to:	
Gather	• As children enter the hall, they sing or listen to music. • The start of worship is signified through the reading of the gathering by pupils. • The school candles are lit.
Engage	• Each worship session has a clear message. • We talk about Jesus, his example and other Bible stories. • We ensure children are involved in delivering Collective Worship
Respond	• At the beginning of this time, we say 'time to think OR time to pray' • We ask children to all be quiet and still. • We have a prayer in every assembly. We begin by inviting everyone to join in with amen if they want to. We offer the choice of saying their own prayer. Or just time to think or reflect. • We sing inclusive songs together. Children are invited to sing strongly confessional songs during Easter and Christmas.
Send	• The Collective Worship team close worship • Candles are extinguished. We watch the smoke and think about God's love spreading out across the world. • After the sending, the last thing children hear as they leave the space is something to think about linked to the content of the worship.

Expectations of Staff

All staff are invited to attend daily collective worship as an important part of their own wellbeing and spiritual growth, allowing time to learn and celebrate, or just to be still and reflect. Teachers are expected to attend every act of Collective Worship. Teaching Assistants attend on Monday and Friday at a minimum.

Weekly Collective Worship and Worship Leaders

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Values worship GT	class	Singing	Seasonal worship and special days	Celebration
Values linked to the teachings of Jesus and the Bible	Picture news	Inclusive songs, prayer and reflection	Reflecting the seasons of the church	Celebrating together our successes and achievements

Summer term planning

	Monday Whole school	Tuesday Class	Wednesday Singing	Thursday	Friday Whole school
21.04.		Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ	Global Christianity: Jesus around the world 1 GT	**Celebration and reflection**
28.04	**Curiosity- Zacchaeus GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ	Global Christianity: Jesus around the world 2 LB	**Celebration and reflection**
05.05		Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ	Global Christianity: Jesus around the world 3 JB	**Celebration and reflection**
12.05	**Curiosity- God as creator? GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ	Global Christianity: Jesus around the world 4 GT	**Celebration and reflection**
19.05	**Creator – Moses and the burning bush GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ	**Celebration and reflection**	
Half term					
02.06	**Curiosity - GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ		**Celebration and reflection**
09.06	**Curiosity - GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ		**Celebration and reflection**

16.06	**Curiosity - GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ		**Celebration and reflection**
23.06	**Curiosity - GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ		**Celebration and reflection**
30.06	**Curiosity - GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ		**Celebration and reflection**
07.07	**Curiosity - GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ		**Celebration and reflection**
14.07	**Curiosity - GT**	Picture News – class gathering	Singing VJ		**Celebration and reflection**
21.07					

	Bible stories and verses linked to curiosity	**Bible chapter and verse**	**Key message**
1	Zacchaeus	Zacchaeus - YouTube Luke 19:1-10	Zacchaeus was eager to see Jesus. He left behind all thought of business to climb a tree and get a glimpse of him. Being curious involves action. It invovles looking and noticing; so make a habit of it. Look at the people around you, the weather, the buildings. Try to really notice something you've always seen before.
2	'I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.'	Psalm 143:5	Christians believe God did not make a boring world. He made a complex, fascinating world and it never fails to offer something about which to be curious. Being curious about these things – from tiny insects to enormous planets, from the languages of the Earth to the patterns made by numbers –could bring us closer to the idea of a creator God.

3	Moses and the burning bush	Exodus 3 – 4 (94) Moses and the Burning Bush - YouTube	Christians believe our imperfection and the things we struggle with are fully seen and known by God and it doesn't scare him or stop him from using us in great ways. Moses didn't feel up to the task that God set him, but he was curious enough to approach the flaming bush. When we use our curiosity to explore who knows what we could discover.
4	Who do the crowds say that I am?	Luke 9.18	Jesus was always asking questions. Whenever questioned, he would ask a question back motivated by his curiosity. He truly wanted to know what was behind every question – why the person was asking. Too often, when we are posed with a question, we are quick to jump and provide an answer based on the information we currently have available to us. Curiosity means we should delve deeper like Jesus did to really understand other people.
5	'It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.'	Proverbs 25:2	God has hidden so much within the world that humans have been searching out and discovering and coming to understand over hundreds and thousands of years. This why remaining curious throughout our life is so important and something which has driven so much scientific discovery. It takes a curious mind, like that of the king in Proverbs 25:2, to look beneath the surface and discover new possibilities.
6	Pharisees were close minded	The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector - YouTube	The pharisees were religious people who thought they were better than everyone else. Jesus and the Pharisees didn't always get along. When Jesus clashed with the Pharisees during his time teaching, it wasn't because he thought everything they did was wrong. It was just that the Pharisees thought they had learned and mastered everything. They were supposed to be the experts on God's ways but they didn't act the way God wanted them to act. They weren't curious enough to understand one of the main points of the law was to love people the way God has loved us.

7	Jesus heals a man	God's Story: Jesus Heals A Man - YouTube Luke 5:17-26	People came to see Jesus and hear him teach. They heard about his miracles and were curious to know more about him. Curious people ask questions and search for answers. Their minds are always active. Since the mind is like a muscle which becomes stronger through continual exercise, the mental exercise caused by curiosity makes our mind stronger and stronger. People also had to decide, as they do today, who they believe Jesus to be.
8	Baby in the bulrushes Lion Storyteller Bible – The Secret Baby p.28	Exodus 1-2 video	When the baby could not be hidden any longer, his mother put him in a basket made of "bulrushes" and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. The daughter of Pharoah came down to bathe at the river and became curious about what she could see. Then she discovered the basket with the baby inside.
9	Jesus washing the feet of the disciples	John 13:3-5 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet - YouTube	Jesus was both servant and king, yet he washed the disciple's feet, even the feet of the one who would betray him. What a curious act this must have been for his disciples to witness. Here was God himself, in Jesus Christ, taking the form of a servant and washing the dirty, smelly feet of the disciples…even the feet of an enemy (Judas Iscariot), to give us an example of serving others.
10	Nicodemus	John 3:1-21 NICODEMUS BIBLE STORY | Kids on the Move - YouTube	Nicodemus is best known for being so curious about Jeus that he secretly meet Jesus at night because he feared being seen by the Jewish leaders. He was a Pharisee and very wealthy.
11	Pentecost	Acts 10-11	On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit arrives and the disciples find themselves speaking languages they have never learned – a very curious event - all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"