



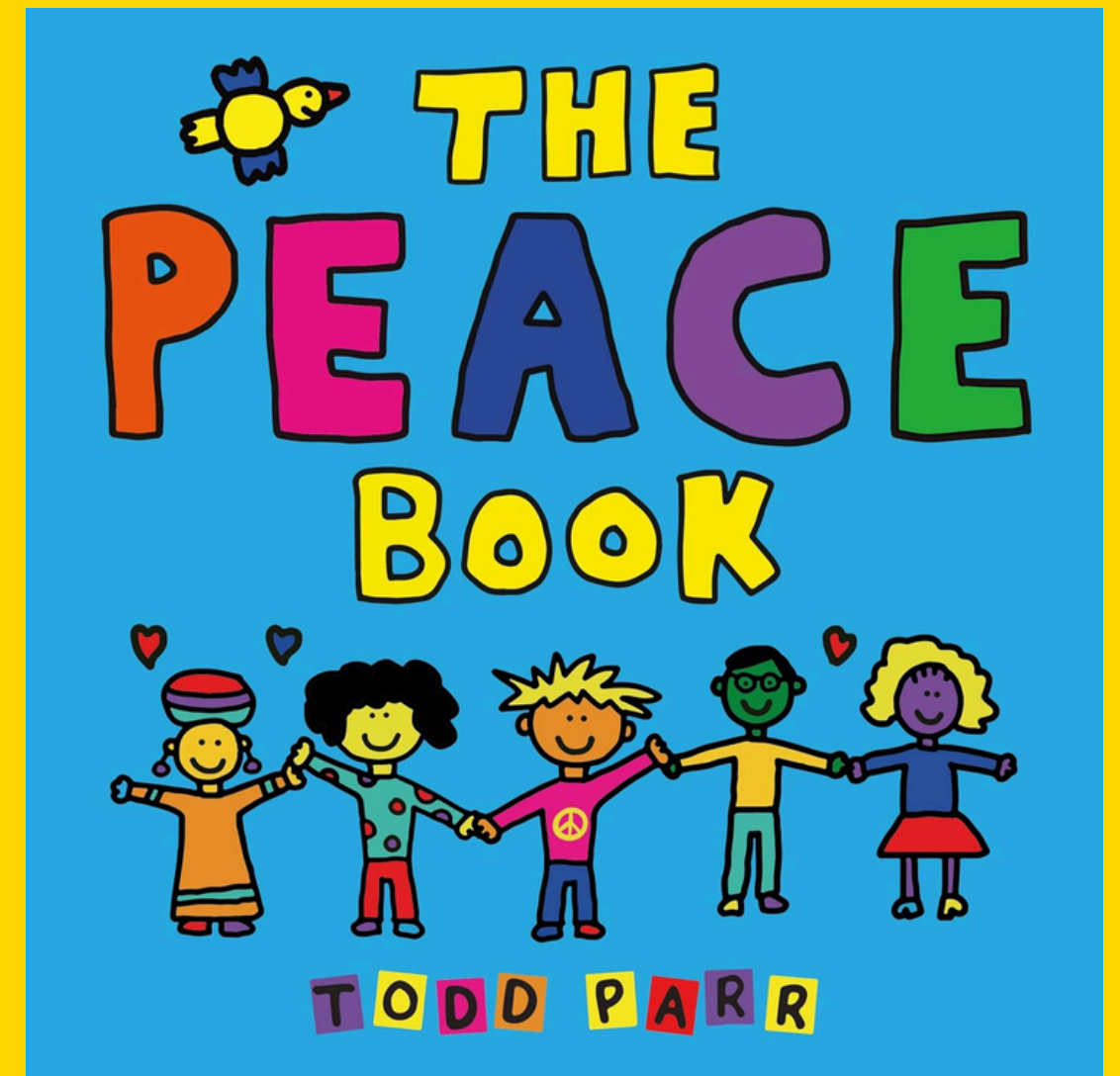
# TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME



## VALUE IN FOCUS: PEACE



Our value for this half term is peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict - it is about creating harmony in our hearts, our relationships, and our world. In *The Peace Book* by Todd Parr, we learn that peace can be found in simple, everyday actions: sharing, listening, helping others, and caring for the planet. These small acts make a big difference, reminding us that peace begins with each of us. As a school, we will explore how we can live out this value in our classrooms, playground, and community, so that everyone feels safe, respected, and loved.



This week, on 11th November, our school gathered near the Peace Garden for a beautiful Remembrance Service. The children sang with such grace and respect, and our Worship Leaders led heartfelt prayers that reminded us of the importance of remembering those who gave so much. Each class had created a poppy wreath during their class worship, and these were proudly displayed in the garden, creating a powerful symbol of unity and reflection. This special moment linked perfectly to our school value of peace, as we paused to honour those who sacrificed their lives so that we might live in a world where peace can flourish.



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.**

**“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”**

**John 14:27**

**A QUESTION TO PONDER OVER**

*I wonder... what would you say to end this sentence:*

*“Peace is...” ?*



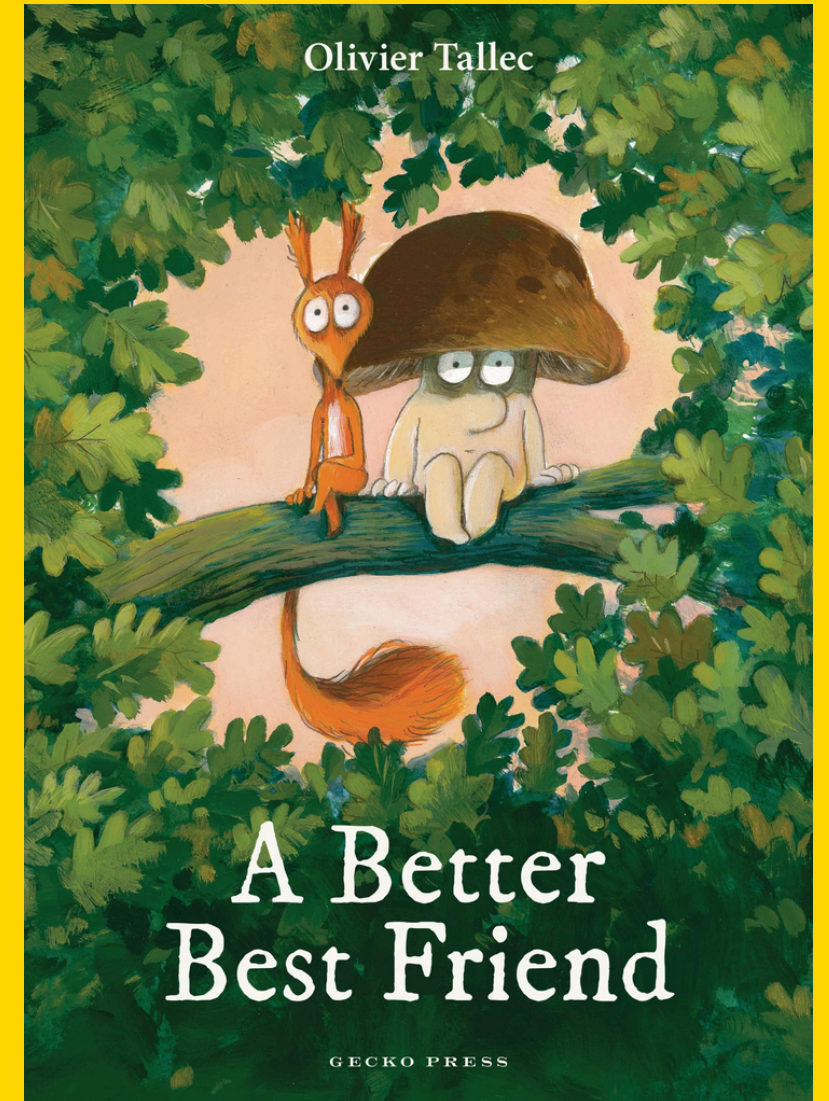
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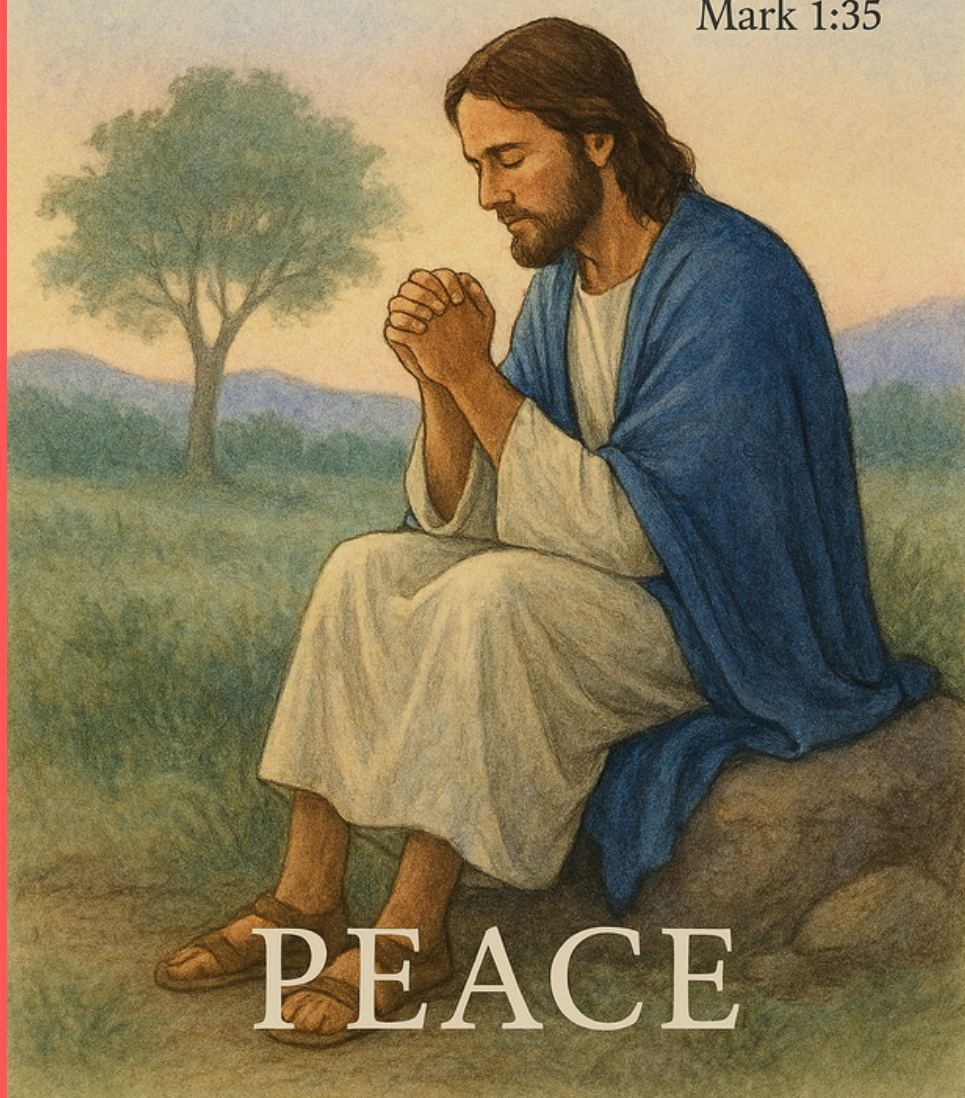


In *A Better Best Friend*, we see how true friendship is built on understanding, kindness, and respect. The story reminds us that being a good friend means listening, forgiving, and working together to solve problems. This links beautifully to our school value of peace, because peace begins in the way we treat one another. When we choose calm words instead of harsh ones, when we share and include others, we create a peaceful environment where everyone feels safe and valued. Just like the characters in the book, we can make our school a place of peace by showing empathy and putting others first.



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Mark 1:35



In Mark 1:35, we read that “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” This moment shows us that peace often begins with quiet time and prayer.

Jesus chose to step away from the busyness around him to find stillness and connect with God. In our own lives, we can follow his example by taking time to pause, breathe, and reflect. When we make space for calm and prayer, we invite peace into our hearts, and that peace can then flow into our words and actions, helping us create a more peaceful school and community.

**“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

**Philippians 4:7**

## A QUESTION TO PONDER OVER

*I wonder... how taking time to be still, like Jesus did, can help me feel peace inside?*