

Worship

This term we are thinking about fear and courage. Today we are thinking about the fable of The Ant and the Dove.

You can listen to the story here: [English KS1/KS2: Aesop's Fables - 39. The Ant and the Dove - BBC Teach](#)

Or ask an adult to read it to you by finding the story on the worship page of the website (follow this link): [Worship Space - ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL \(banburystmarysschool.co.uk\)](#)

An ant is dying of thirst, due to all the water in the forest having been dried up in hot weather. The only source of water is the river, so the ant decides to drink from that, despite knowing how dangerous it is. Sure enough, the river sweeps him away, and he cries desperately for help.

A dove helps the ant to safety by helping him climb on to a leaf, and disappears before the ant can thank her. However, the ant is able to return the favour when two hunters come with the aim of catching the dove. He bites the feet of the hunters, preventing them from catching the doves and causing them to run away.

Reflection

Do someone a good turn and they may do the same for you in return. One good turn deserves another. Can you think of a time when you have had the courage to help someone or to do someone a good turn.

Prayer

Thank you, God

for food and prayer

Teach us how to love and share.

Amen

