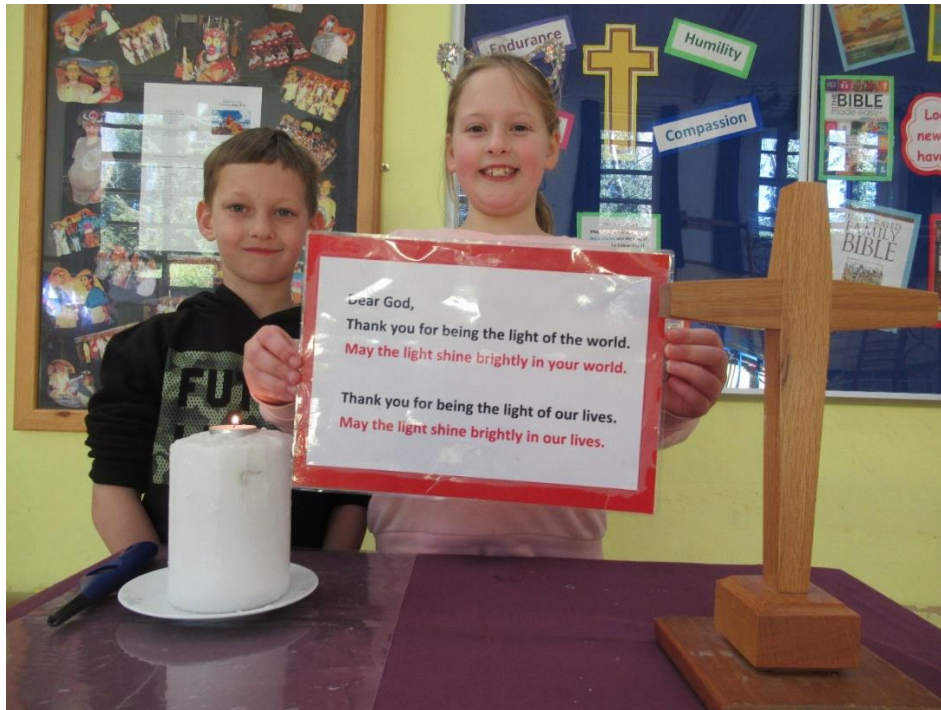


## Collective Worship – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020



### Candle Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for being the light of the world.

**May the light shine brightly in your world.**

Thank you for being the light of our lives.

**May the light shine brightly in our lives.**

Imagine being one of Jesus' friends – in just a few days their feelings changed from sadness to joy.

Jesus was their friend; they loved him. Then they saw him get into trouble with the Roman authorities, and they saw him die. They were so sad that they cried and cried. They thought that he had left them forever. After a couple of days, they decided to go to visit his grave, but the tomb was empty. When they discovered he was alive again they were so happy.

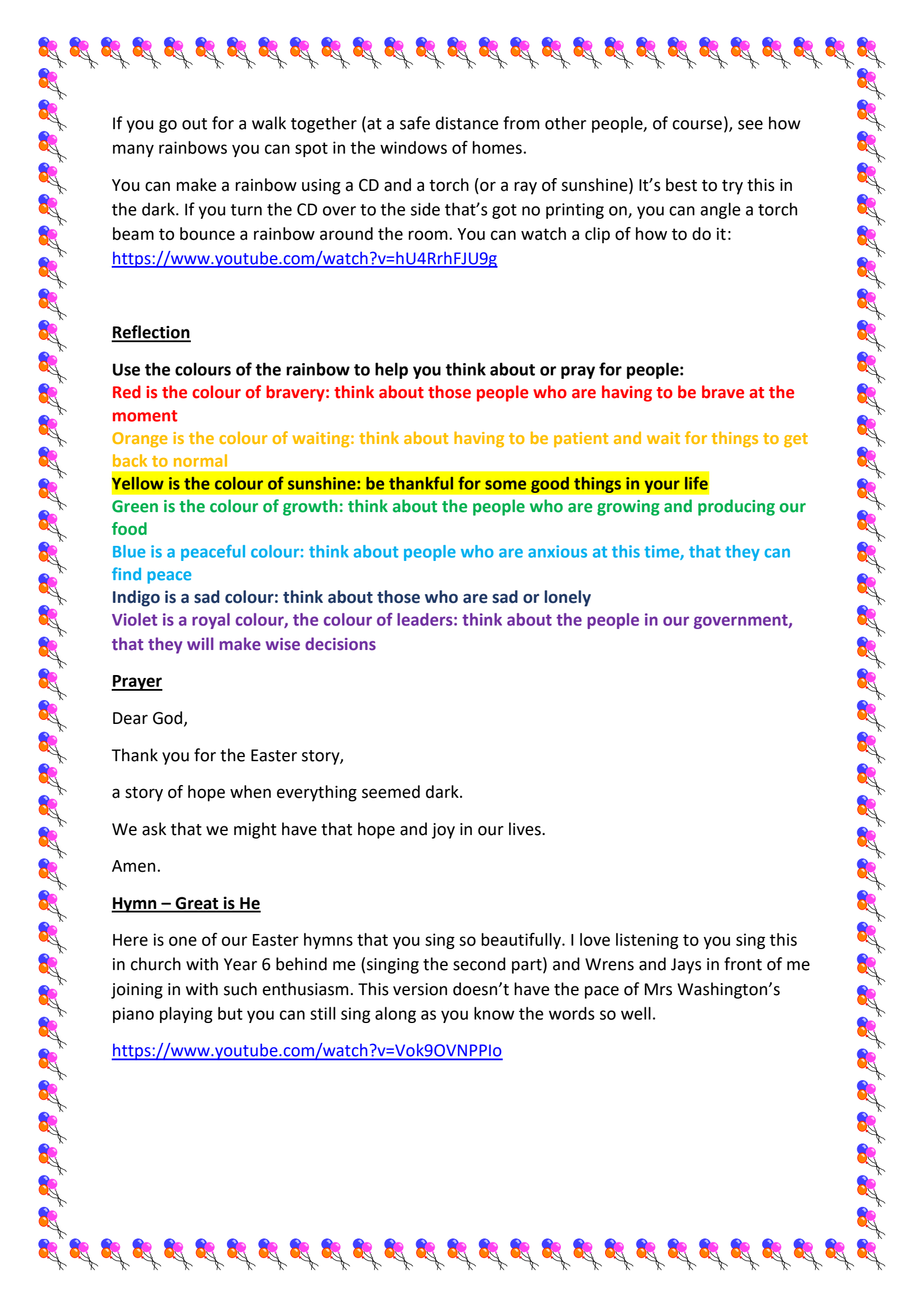
Explain that the Easter story shows us how, when things seem at their worst and everything has gone wrong, we can often find signs of new life and new hope.



For many people, a rainbow is a sign of hope – that sunshine will arrive after the rain

All over the world, people have been putting rainbows in their windows to remind each other that we are not alone. It started in Italy when everyone had to stay at home but now you can see it in our country too, including in our village, Barham. You may have coloured a rainbow yourself to put in your windows at home.





If you go out for a walk together (at a safe distance from other people, of course), see how many rainbows you can spot in the windows of homes.

You can make a rainbow using a CD and a torch (or a ray of sunshine) It's best to try this in the dark. If you turn the CD over to the side that's got no printing on, you can angle a torch beam to bounce a rainbow around the room. You can watch a clip of how to do it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hU4RrhFJU9g>

### **Reflection**

**Use the colours of the rainbow to help you think about or pray for people:**

**Red is the colour of bravery: think about those people who are having to be brave at the moment**

**Orange is the colour of waiting: think about having to be patient and wait for things to get back to normal**

**Yellow is the colour of sunshine: be thankful for some good things in your life**

**Green is the colour of growth: think about the people who are growing and producing our food**

**Blue is a peaceful colour: think about people who are anxious at this time, that they can find peace**

**Indigo is a sad colour: think about those who are sad or lonely**

**Violet is a royal colour, the colour of leaders: think about the people in our government, that they will make wise decisions**

### **Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you for the Easter story,

a story of hope when everything seemed dark.

We ask that we might have that hope and joy in our lives.

Amen.

### **Hymn – Great is He**

Here is one of our Easter hymns that you sing so beautifully. I love listening to you sing this in church with Year 6 behind me (singing the second part) and Wrens and Jays in front of me joining in with such enthusiasm. This version doesn't have the pace of Mrs Washington's piano playing but you can still sing along as you know the words so well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vok9OVNPPlo>