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HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Issue 45 – Hope

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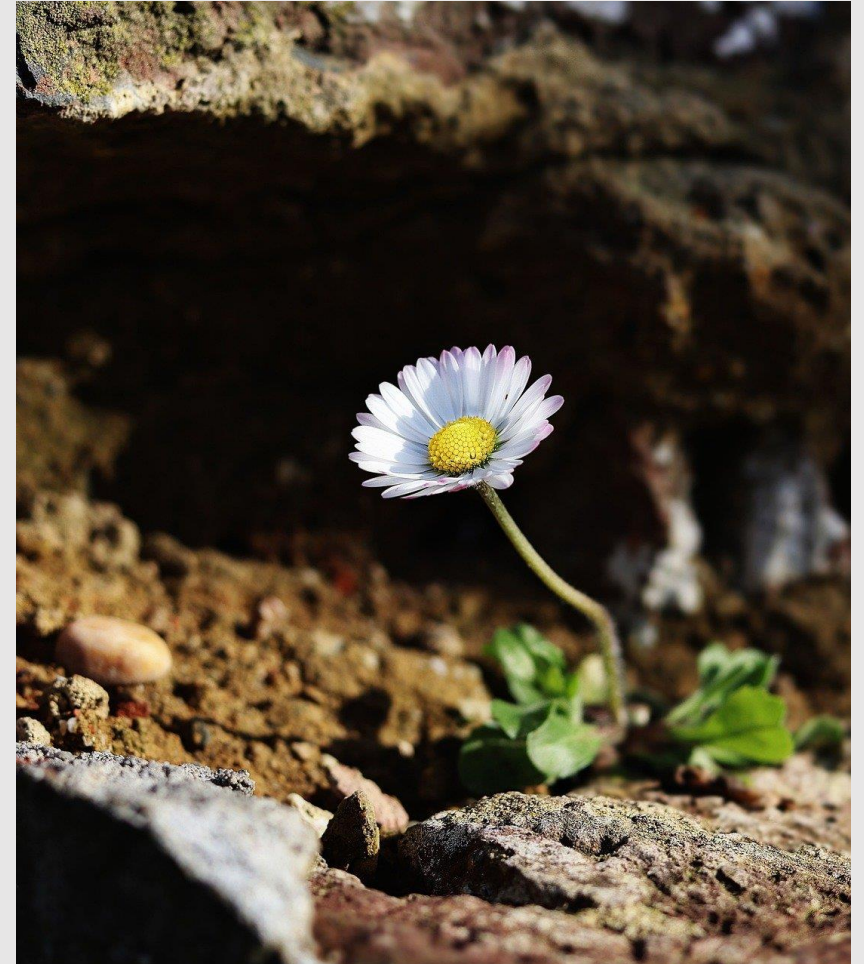


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This week's focus is hope



All kids need is
a little help, a
little hope and
someone who
believes in
them.

Hope is the thing
with feathers that
perches in the soul –
and sings the tunes
without the words –
and never stops at
all.



Emily Dickinson
poet

Hope is the song
When the world is a
menace
Hope is an open
door



Ariana Grande
singer

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Thinking about hope

Caring thinking

How well do you understand your friends' hopes and fears?

Collaborative thinking

If we hope for a better world, how can we work together to make it happen?



Creative thinking

What five things do you most hope will happen to you in the next year?

Critical thinking

Of your five big hopes, which is the most important – and why?

What were you hoping for this time last year? Did it happen?

What do you hope to achieve tomorrow?

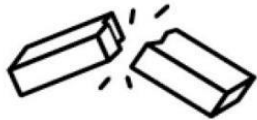
What hopes do you have in common with others in your family?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

What's the difference between a hope and a wish?

What is your inner voice saying that you are hoping for?

What big changes do you hope humanity will make in your lifetime?

What small changes could you make to help realise your hopes?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

Stimulus



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Happy Birthday!

Cut the cake, make a wish, hope it comes true...

Talking Points

- Can you remember what you hoped for on your last birthday?
- Did you keep it a secret?
- Did your wish come true?
- Do you think it's a good idea to share your hopes with other people? Why?

Activity

Have a family Happy Hope Day:

- Make a cake together.
- Everyone cuts a slice and tells each other what they are hoping for.
- Talk about how you can make your hopes come true.

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus



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Planting seeds

When we plant a seed, we hope it will grow into a healthy plant – maybe a tasty vegetable or a beautiful flower, or even a tall tree. But we need to look after it or nothing might happen...

Talking Points

- What seeds would you like to plant? How would you care for them?
- Why do you think people say Spring is a season of hope?
- Would you say that education is a way of planting seeds in your brain? What would you like them to grow into?

Activity

Get planting!

- You don't need a big garden. You can just do it in an old food pot with a bit of earth.
- Nasturtium seeds are really easy and look great.
- Everyone can make a guess about when the first flower will appear.

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/mc1ta1UMGeo>

Here Comes the Sun – The Beatles

This is a song from the Beatles' 1969 album *Abbey Road*. It was written by George Harrison and is one of his best-known compositions.

Talking Points

- Does this song make you feel hopeful? If yes, how does it do so?
- The Beatles first sang it over 50 years ago. Do you think it's still relevant now?
- Why do you think that people might see the sun as a symbol of hope?

Activity

Hoping for a better world!

- Give everyone in the family a piece of paper.
- Draw 3 columns headed: 'next week', 'this year', and 'in my lifetime'.
- Write down your hopes in each column. See what's similar and what's different from others' lists.

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