

Our Value for February is HOPE



- **To have a positive feeling of expectation**
- **The desire for something to happen**

In school we will tell the story of 'Pandora's Box', a Greek myth which emphasises the importance of the value of Hope in our challenging world. We will discuss how this positive value can help us overcome everyday problems and difficulties that we face. Our message is that we must always hope that things will turn out right, not just for ourselves but also for others and the world in general. We must hope for peace in the world and work towards it in our own lives. Hope should be accompanied by effort, it's not just a case of relying on luck. The children will be encouraged to dream their dreams and always keep their hopes alive.

Thought for the month: *'To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.'* Mother Teresa



At home you could ask your children to tell you the story of 'Pandora's Box' and discuss the meaning behind the story. Together you could collect relevant sayings such as 'Every cloud has a silver lining' and make a list which your child can then take into school (the internet will help you here). You could also have some fun downloading appropriate songs such as 'Any Dream Will Do' or 'Reach for the Stars'

