

Thoughtful Thursdays

St Giles' & St George's CofE Academy - Class based collective worship from Wednesday 9th July 2025
Invitational and inspirational at home discussion prompt followings today's class worship. (If you would like to use it)

TAKEHOME

7th - 13th
July



The **BIG** Question?

What makes somewhere a good place to live?



In the news this week

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- > Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Below is some of the information that was shared today during class worship - this may help your discussions at home.

ASSEMBLY RESOURCE

Read through the information below all about the recent discovery. Can you try to imagine what life might have been like in a cave?

Where were the finds?
 In the Blue Mountains, a mountain range in Australia.

How old are the finds?
 Over 17,000 years old, one of the oldest known places where people lived in this area.

What was discovered?
 Burnt wood from ancient fires.
 Stone tools used for hunting or preparing food.
 Animal bones.
 These show that people once cooked and lived in the caves.

Discovery of Ancient Human Life in Mountain Caves in Australia

Picture: The excavation of the cave, where the archaeologists look for the things left behind. Source: Meagan Warwick, University of Sydney.

Who lived there and why?
 It was the Aboriginal Australians, who were the first people in Australia. They have lived on the land for tens of thousands of years. Experts believe the caves were used as shelter during the cold winters in the mountains.

Resource one

Look at the resource below, which shows how homes have changed over time.

Tudor home.

1960s terraced home.

Victorian terraced home.

High-rise home.

Thatched roof home.

Environmentally-friendly home.

What do you notice about these homes? Can you spot any similarities or differences?



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

A good place to live might look different for each of us. When we respect other people's homes and needs, we help create safe and caring spaces for everyone.



UN Rights of the Child



Every child has the right to a safe and warm home. It is important that adults work to ensure all children live in suitable homes that support their well-being and development.

