

## Five creative ways to... close the day

### 1. Water the flowers

Everyone has the seeds of peace, joy, talent and happiness within them but we all know that these need watering from time to time. Each person should choose one positive thing about themselves or about someone else and share how much they appreciate those things. 'I am grateful for...' You could choose a different child each day to have their flowers watered by everyone!

### 2. Postcard to a friend

Give everyone a postcard and ask them to write or draw a message to their friend telling them about their day. What happened today? What was their favourite or least favourite part of the day? What do they want their special friend to know about today? They can write to anyone – a family member, friend in the class, a friend outside of school, a teacher or an imaginary friend.

### 3. Goody bag

Ask the class what they are taking away with them from today as a way of checking out at the end of the day. Just like a great party you leave with a bag of goodies to take away with you and keep. What are you keeping from today? Perhaps one new thing you've learnt, one discovery you've made, one thing you tried for the first time or one thing you feel.

### 4. Award ceremony

Ask the class to choose one thing they deserve to be given an award for today – it should be one thing that they feel they did well that can be given recognition. 'I didn't give up today when I found maths hard', 'I wrote a great story', 'I did better at listening than I normally do', 'I was kind to...'  
If you want you can host the ceremony, where everyone chooses an object to see as the award.

### 5. Rose, thorn, bud

Ask everyone three questions. The rose: what was the best thing about your day? The thorn: what was the worst thing about your day? The bud: what new thing is beginning? The bud can be something they have just started, tried for the first time, or are still working on.