

## P7 Week of 15.02.21

*We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. This term P7's RME topic is The Notable Scottish Christian Eric Liddell.*

### Lesson 4: Eric Liddell - the missionary and the prisoner

A missionary is a person who travels to other cultures to teach people who may have never heard about God and Jesus.

Try to find out all you can about these famous Scottish missionaries.

- David Livingstone
- Mary Slessor
- James Gilmour

Eric wanted to be a missionary because he had great faith in God. His first job as a missionary was as a teacher at an Anglo-Chinese College for wealthy Chinese students. He believed that by teaching the children of the wealthy, they would become influential figures in China and promote Christian values.

During the 1920s and 1930s, China saw a fast modernisation influenced by countries from the west world.

In 1943, Eric was held captive at the Weihsien Internment Camp with many others. He turned down an offer of freedom by Winston Churchill the Prime Minister of Britain at the time. Liddell became a leader and organiser at the camp, but food, medicine and other supplies were scarce. Liddell busied himself by helping the elderly, teaching Bible classes at the camp school, arranging games, and teaching science to the children, who referred to him as Uncle Eric.

Eric became ill but kept it a secret. He kept hope alive in the prison camp, however died in the camp of a brain tumour only five months before the camp was liberated.

- Draw prisoners' faces behind barbed wire
- Write a diary for a week in camp for Eric
- Write an obituary for Eric Liddell

#### **Independent Research**

What life was like in China in the 1920s and 1930s.

Internment camps during the Second World War.