



The Friday Message

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we started our new unit Creation and Covenant. We read the creation story, Genesis 1-2, and talked about how God made the entire world and all the wonderful things in it in six days, and he thought that it was good. We watched an animation of the creation story. We made a story map to help us remember and retell the events of the creation story. We had opportunities to create a night sky on our craft table, thinking of the moon, sun, and stars that God created. Our small world table had land and sea and different animals, birds, and fish that God created. We sang a song about creation with actions that helped us remember that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day.</p>	<p>This week in RE (Religious Education) we have continued our learning about Judaism. We started by thinking about how Jewish people show they care for the world, nature, and other people. We applied this to our own lives and thought about ways in which we too could show we care. We have been making a special effort this week to show how much we care about other people and our school. We then moved on to learn about Shabbat and why this is an important time for Jewish people. We looked at the Shabbat table and had a go at recreating it.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In Year 2, we are continuing our learning about Judaism. This week we learnt all about how Jewish people care for their community and the environment. This opened some lovely discussions about how as a class we take care for our local School community. We then went on to explore the Jewish celebration of Shabbat. We created our own information packs explaining the different parts of this celebration. Within this, we also shared the special traditions we have with our families.</p>	<p>In RE we continued our learning on the topic of Judaism. We have looked at different features of a synagogue, these have included Torah scrolls, Yad, Bimah, Ark and The Eternal light. We have also had a look at what people wear to pray and learnt that a Rabbi leads a service. We have completed our Judaism learning by creating a stain glass window using the symbol of the star of David.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 came to the end of their current topic: Judaism. The children worked together to discover why the Synagogue is at the centre of the Jewish community by researching items and features of a Synagogue. The children continued their learning by looking at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. They learnt about the different aspects of becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and then wrote an invitation to a friend to invite them along to one! Well done Year 4!</p>	<p>Continuing our look at Judaism, we focused on the holy festival of Rosh Hashanah. We discussed how this is a time of reflection and compared it to our times of reflection in our Liturgy calendar. Looking at various resources, we discovered many of the customs and rituals around this special time in the Jewish year. We then went on to find links between the Catholic church and Judaism. Showing how there are strong historical connections particularly in the Old Testament of the Bible. However, we also looked at where the two faiths have forged links in the modern world too.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friendship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How can you be a good friend this week?</p>
<p>In RE this week, we have continued learning about Jewish holidays, including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The children put themselves in the shoes of a Jewish child and thought about how they would feel during the 25-hours fast before Yom Kippur to create a diary entry. Lots of them were genuinely concerned about not being able to use their phones and tablets during the fast!</p>	