



# The Friday Message

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### 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we continued to look at the Creation Story. Teachers retold the story through Godly Play and pupils created their own version of God's wonderful world on the carpet. All pupils have the opportunity to choose an animal to put on and decided whether it belonged on the land or the sea. We then used Google Earth to look at the world and spotted the land (including snowy areas and deserts) and sea. After we looked closer at Peterborough and Hampton where we live. We talked about the things in Hampton that God had made such as the trees and the grass and things that we as people have made, such as houses and cars. We had a go at drawing our own maps.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year 1 started their new unit God's Great Plan- Creation. We started by thinking about all of the things that God has created in the world and illustrated some of the big and small things that God created. Later in the week we started to think about how we are thankful for what God has given us. We wrote some lovely prayers to thank God for the things that are important to us.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In Year 2 we have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new RE unit, Beginnings - Creation. We started the week by making our own story wheels to represent the different parts of the Creation story from Genesis. We then went on to look at Psalm 139 and as a class made our own version of this, reflecting on how we are thankful to God for being around us at all stages of our lives. We had some thoughtful class discussions after Collective Worship and spoke about the importance of forgiveness, even giving examples of when we have shown this in the past.</p>	<p>We have started our new RE unit all about family and home. We began this topic by exploring what the joys and sorrows of being a family at home might include. We thought about what makes a house a home and what we like to do at home on our own and as a family. We explored a letter written by Paul and picked out the key words which express or show love. We discussed what the phrase 'share what you have with people in need' means and thought of a time when we have done this.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week the children in Year 4 began their new topic: The Bible. This began with the children exploring Bibles in class to identify the different ways to navigate this important holy book. The children were quick to make links with our previous topic of Judaism as they recognised some parts of the Old Testament. Following this, the children then worked together to locate pieces of scripture and discuss the meaning. From this, the children in Year 4 were able to realise how The Bible would help a Christian person in their day-to-day life. Well done Year 4!</p>	<p>The week of RE (Religious Education) started with designing and creating our classroom display. CREATION is our focus and we thought of words which describe the creation of our world and some of the wonderful things that exist in our lives. We also began with a prayer from Pope Francis about thanking God for the world around us including the whole of nature, our bodies, our families, and our opportunities. We then looked to scripture, focusing on the Old Testament. We read Genesis and retold the Creation story then putting into chronological order and presenting in our books. We then went on to talk about the alignment of scientific truths and theological truths surrounding creation of the universe. This produced a fantastic discussion, and we were able to share our thoughts and ideas in a purposeful way.</p> <p>We also looked at our 'value for life' of friendship and thought of good examples of friendship both within our lives and the wider world. We extended our thoughts of friendship, through prayer, to the victims of recent disasters in Morocco and Libya.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b>  <b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ....</b>  <b>Friendship</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How can you try and make a new friend?</b></p>
<p>In RE this week, we have begun looking at the Kingdom of God. During our lessons, the children have explored the values of the Kingdom of God and have reflected on how we show those values in their daily lives. We created promises to ourselves to show these values in our behaviour moving forward to help the Kingdom of God grow.</p>	