



The Friday Message

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
This week in our RE learning we talked and discussed about why we are all unique and recognised why we are all special to God. <i>We celebrated our Welcome ceremony, and we recognised the importance of belong to our school family.</i> We continued joining with songs and prayers about God's beautiful world, we thanked God for our family and friends through our prayers and we painted our own portraits to add into our classroom display to show that we belong to the St John Henry Newman family.	This week in RE we have continued our work on the creation story. We watched an animated version of the story and then chose our favourite parts which we illustrated. Later in the week we sequenced the story before we took part in some drama about the creation story.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE this week, we have enjoyed reading Psalm 19 and discussing how this reminded us of all of God's wonderful creations. We then used watercolours to paint our favourite of God's natural creations with many of us choosing to paint a beautiful sunrise. We also composed a collaborative poem describing how God is always close to us. We had lots of fun reciting this in front of one another.	Our RE learning has continued to focus on the theme of homes. We read letters from Paul together, we then worked in small groups to pick out phrases from the readings and discussed how these could make our home a happy one. We have looked at a picture of the Holy Family - Millais' Carpenter's Shop and worked in groups to complete a freeze frame of this. Each person took on a different character and said how they are living as a happy family.
Year 4	Year 5
This week in RE, Year 4 began by looking at God's call to Abraham and his wife Sarah. They looked closely at the challenges and blessings that God provided for them and carefully considered how, even though the challenging moments, God's love shone. The second half of the week looked at the story of Joseph and his brothers. The children learnt about the story of Joseph and then in groups, created some dramatic freeze frames to depict different parts of the parable. The children then analysed these freeze frames by explaining what was happening and by explaining the presence of God's love in those tricky moments.	Following on from last week's Creation study, we investigated Genesis in the Bible and read the story of The Fall and Original sin. We discussed the story and endeavoured to relate it to our own modern lives. We discussed the gift of 'choice' and how we can choose when faced with decisions. We then went on to write some bidding prayers to help us make the best decisions. Later in the week we discussed how God has made us as Stewards of Creation – we must look after the Earth. We looked at how relevant that is these days with climate change, pollution, etc. We decided to create some posters to help spread the message of stewardship of our precious world.
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is</p> <p>Friendship</p> <p>How many words can you write down about 'Friendship'?</p>