



The Friday Message

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34th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in our RE learning, we have shared our ideas about the representation of an empty crib. We started our lesson with our special prayer “Hail Mary,” we said thank you to Mary and recognised her commitment during the Annunciation. We continued our lesson by looking at a picture of an empty crib and gathering our ideas. Why is the crib empty – why are they waiting? Who are they waiting for? Then, we shared the scripture from Luke 1: 26-31,38. We discussed the scripture as a whole class and explored the special message such as “the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God”. All pupils had the opportunity to reflect on their learning by completing different activities across our continuous provision, such as creating Empty crib using different materials.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year One have started their unit of Advent, with a specific focus on Mary as a mother. We first had an in depth look at The Annunciation and had a discussion surrounding this. The children provided some detailed, thoughtful answers to some tricky questions such as Why do you think God chose Mary? and do you think Mary could have said 'no' when God asked her to be Jesus' mother? Later in the week we looked at the next part of the story when Mary went to visit Elizabeth. We looked at the conversation between Mary and Elizabeth and noted down some of the things they may have said to each other.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>Year 2 began their new unit this week focusing on Advent. They compared some famous pictures of The Annunciation and linked this back to their previous learning of signs and symbols. The children were able to identify symbols such as Mary wearing a white dress for purity in one of the paintings. They also noted differences between Mary wearing white and blue, different depictions of the Angel Gabriel and differing interpretations of Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>This week in RE, year 3 have started their topic on Mary, mother of God. We have thought about the importance of being chosen and read a story on this and answered questions. We have also discussed that God chose Mary to be the mother of His Son and role played the Annunciation where angel Gabriel visited Mary with the news that she was going to be the mother of Jesus. We looked at several pictures of the Annunciation and described the similarities and differences between these.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>To bring the current topic to an end, the children began to explore the Mystery of the Trinity. They looked closely at pieces of artwork to help explain their understanding – we also discussed how this can be a tricky concept to understand, even for Priests! The final lesson in the unit saw the children reflecting on why God sent Jesus to Earth and why the Mystery of the Incarnation is still significant for modern day Christians.</p>	<p>We began our new focus which leads us into a special time of the liturgical year – ADVENT. We discussed what this means for us especially in respect to waiting. We discussed lots of times when we must wait and created small playscripts to act out waiting in different scenarios. We had to guess what each group was waiting for and how this can make us feel. There was exciting waiting and some waiting that was frustrating and made us more impatient. We went on to discuss what we are waiting for at Christmas and how we can use this time of waiting positively.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is PEACE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How can you show PEACE to your friends and family this week?</p>