



The Friday Message

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1st Sunday of Advent



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in our RE learning, we have discussed the Journey to Bethlehem. We started our lesson with our special prayer "Hail Mary," we continued our learning by looking at pictures of the Journey to Bethlehem and gathering our ideas. Why had they gone to Bethlehem? How did they get there? What happened while they were there? We also learnt and applied some new vocabulary in our lesson: afraid, servant, strength. Then we shared the scripture from Luke 1: 26-31,38. We discussed the scripture as a whole class and reinforced the message by listening to a special song of Mary where she described her feelings. All pupils had the opportunity to reflect on their learning by completing different activities across our continuous provision, such as playing a board game counting on steps of the journey of Joseph and Mary and painting pictures of the Journey to Bethlehem using watercolours and pencils.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year One have continued their learning on Advent. We looked at the meaning of the Advent Wreath and then made advent promises relating to how we could prepare for this special time. Later in the week we looked at Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and thought about how they must have felt during this journey and how they felt about having to sleep in the stable when Mary was going to have her baby. We sequenced pictures to show their journey and then told the story to our partners.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In RE this week, Year Two children have continued their learning on Advent. They looked at the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth, looking at the story in scripture and watching a short, animated clip. They took part in some role play dramas to show their knowledge and understanding of the story. Later in the week the children looked at the story in more depth and answered questions about why they thought Mary might have been chosen, what this said about her and why John the Baptist jumped for joy when Mary arrived.</p>	<p>In RE we have thought about Mary's visit to Elizabeth and have read the scripture Luke 1:39-45 and answered questions about how Mary trusted in God, how Elizabeth trusted in God and discussed how Mary's 'Good News', is good news for us. Year 3 have also talked about the wonderful things that have been created. We discussed how do we know what God is like and drew pictures and words to answer the question How does Jesus us what love is?</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week, Year 4 began their new topic "Jesus, the Teacher." Following on from where their last topic concluded, the children began by learning about Jesus' presentation in the Temple and considered what Mary and Joseph would have been saying to one another through a role play activity. The second lesson of the week centred around the children's understanding that Jesus was born a Jew. The children wrote some fantastic prayers in the role of Mary following this!</p>	<p>This week we looked at waiting in hope. We discussed a passage from Isaiah and how he talks about the Messiah (Jesus) coming and what it will mean for everyone. Using this scripture, we created questions we would ask Isaiah if he was appearing on a TV programme. We also created his answers to explain what it meant when Jesus arrived. Later in the week we looked closely at the words of the hymn THE SERVANT KING. This is our God, The Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to The Servant King We related this to Jesus coming to earth and what this meant for us all. Picking out words and phrases, we examined what they meant and what Jesus' arrival brought for all of us. Looking at the lyrics throughout the hymn, we reflected on what His arrival means for us all at this special time of waiting.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is HOPE What do you HOPE for this Advent Season??</p>
<p>In RE this week, we have explored the New Covenant, discussing how Jesus has made a promise to be with us always, and how we can show that love to our neighbours. We have also began looking at what takes part in Mass, focusing</p>	