



The Friday Message

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2nd Sunday of Advent



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we continued our learning about Advent and how we prepare for Jesus' birthday—Christmas day. During our RE lesson, we talked about the Advent wreath and that there are four candles for the four weeks of Advent. We learned that each candle has a different meaning and how we can prepare during each of those weeks. We discussed the importance of the four weeks before Christmas, as we are getting ready to celebrate a special birthday. We shared some questions with the class: How do we prepare for Christmas? Why do we have four candles?</p>	<p>In RE this week, we continued our learning on Advent. We looked at the story of the Nativity and illustrated our own story maps of the story before retelling the story to our partners. We then took a closer look at the shepherds and answered some questions about how they might have been feeling when the angels appeared. We are still practicing hard for our nativity, and we cannot wait to perform it next week!</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In RE this week Year 2 had great discussions about what Advent is and why it is important. They then created informative posters sharing how as a school we prepare for Advent. They had great discussions about how we celebrate beyond just giving presents and decorations and thought about how we can show kindness to others and help those in need. After this, they then went on to look at the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. They completed a hot seating activity, imagining that they were Mary and shared how she might have felt during the journey and struggling to find somewhere to stay. The children then went on to share what kind of place they would have chosen for the son of God to be born</p>	<p>Year 3 have continued their topic on Mary, Mother of mother, this week we have looked at a range of Christmas cards and had to choose one which showed the true meaning of Christmas and explain our reason. We have made an advent promise and we imagined we were able to visit Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in Bethlehem. We thought about what we would see, hear, touch, smell and how we would feel just after the birth of Jesus.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week, Year 4 have been learning about the Baptism of Jesus. The children explored artwork which depicts John the Baptist and Jesus and later considered the significance of the Dove coming down after Jesus had been Baptised. The second lesson of the week focussed on the Sacrament of Baptism and what it means for Christians today. During this lesson, the children watched a video of a Baptism and, in pairs, drew parallels with what they learnt about Jesus' Baptism last lesson.</p>	<p>We have begun our advent reflections each day in Frank classroom. Focusing on a passage of scripture each time, we have a chance to be still, reflect and time to prepare ourselves for Jesus' arrival. This week we have looked at how we can help and be helped in this time leading up to Christmas. Our RE lesson consisted of our symbolism in religious art; Holman Hunt's 'Light of the World.' We read the scripture that the artist used as inspiration and looked closer at the image to connect aspects of it to the words from the Bible. We found lots of symbols and references within the artwork, and it led to some rich discussion about Jesus.</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>HOPE</p> <p>What do you HOPE for this Advent Season??</p>