



The Friday Message

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1st Sunday of Lent (B)



Reception	Year 1
<p>We have had a busy week of RE learning all about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. We compared Lent to Advent, understanding that it is a special time for Christians in the run up to a key celebration. We enjoyed pancake races on Tuesday and discussed why we have pancakes- We also learnt that Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, staying faithful to God even when tempted by sin. We used this story as an opportunity to think about what we could do for 40 days and 40 nights to show our love and dedication to God. We talked about playing with new friends, helping with specific jobs around the house, playing with different toys and ways of being kind to one another.</p>	<p>What a busy week we have had in year one! We have started our new RE topic and we have built some amazing dioramas to show are understanding of how God made the world. In Maths we have continued to learn about adding and taking away and finally in English we have been learning how to edit our work. Everyone has wowed us!</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week we started our new RE unit 'Desert to Garden'. Within this we will be focusing on representations of New Beginnings within the Bible and the Church. We launched this topic by focusing on the term Stewardship and the responsibility we must care for the Earth and share the gifts God has given us. We created our own promise cards of ways that we will show this. We then linked this to the story of Noah' Ark and had great fun using small world characters to act the story out whilst having thoughtful discussions about the message of the story.</p>	<p>This week in RE we have started our new topic desert to garden. We have read and watched the story feeding the 5,000 and role played out this taking on the roles of Jesus, John, and the crowd. We enjoyed bringing the story to life and thinking about what it would be like to be one of the people in the story. During our second lesson of the week, we have read the bible story The Last Supper. We have thought about the importance of friends and family coming together and sharing a meal. We discussed times when we have special meals. In our books we had 2 different pictures of The Last Supper.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week in RE, Year 4 began their new topic, "Desert to Garden". The topic started by exploring the fundamentals of Lent and the key moments during this period for Catholics. The children produced some excellent work in which they imagined being a teacher writing a letter to parents to explain the forthcoming events in our school! The second lesson this week explored their own personal hopes and goals for the Lenten period. This included choosing and explaining three strong key words for which to live by for the next few weeks. Well, done Year 4!</p>	<p>We have started our new unit of study this week called Desert to Garden. This takes us through the important period of Lent as we lead up to Easter. Monday saw us really exploring the signs and symbols of Lent and we recreated the special events of Ash Wednesday within the classroom. We recognised that Lent is a time to reflect and form a closer bond with Jesus by making promises to forego certain luxuries or try to bring kindness/love to others. We made our own individual Lent promises and placed them on our classroom RE altar.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is Generosity How can you be generous to your family this week?</p>
<p>This week in RE, we have started our new unit - Desert to Garden. We have looked at and explored two scriptures from the gospel of John (Jn 12:1-11 and Jn 13:1-20) and have considered what these teaches us about discipleship.</p>	