



The Friday Message

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3rd Sunday of Lent (B)



Reception	Year 1
In our RE learning this week, we discussed how we get ready for Lent and how it is a time to prepare ourselves and how lots of people give up something for Lent or try to be extra helpful and kind. We thought about all the different ways that we could prepare for Lent ourselves. During circle time, we looked at lots of different ways we could show kindness, love during Lent, and put them in a jar. We will take few kindness messages out every day in Lent and keep those acts of kindness and love in our minds for that day to prepare for Easter. We also read the bible, Luke 10 25-28, The Parable of the Good Samaritan. We discussed the parable as a whole class and we talked about the importance of showing our love to each other's.	This week for RE we have been reflecting on what we think is beautiful for Creation. We talked about how volcanoes and mountains represent the strength and power of God and how he created beautiful flowers and plants for us to enjoy.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE this week, we enjoyed recapping the story of Noah's Ark. We then took the time to discuss the significance of the rainbow being a symbol of the special covenant God made to Noah and humankind. We then moved on and shared some of our own promises to God. During our next lesson, we read an extract from Laudato Si' and how the important document proclaims that just one person can help to restore hope. When then looked at significant individuals from our time who advocate for the environment such as David Attenborough.	In RE we have continued our topic desert to garden. This week we have learnt that the Church teaches that the Eucharist is the meeting point where God gives himself to communicants as food. We have read about what happens during the Eucharist and recapped what happened during the Last Supper and thought about how Jesus gives himself during the Eucharist. We created a stain glass window of the Eucharist - including wheat, bread, grapes, and wine. We have thought about why the Last Supper is special and what Jesus shared with his friends. We stuck images of the bread and wine in our books and thought about the importance of these during mass.
Year 4	Year 5
This week in RE, Year 4 have continued their Desert to Garden learning by focusing on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The first lesson focused on the story and the deep meanings behind it. The children had to then analyse the famous painting by Rembrandt of the Prodigal Son to explain whether they could see sin, compassion, contrition, or jealousy in the image the strongest. The second half of their RE learning this week involved exploring statements in groups and responding with wondering ideas. The children were given statements, such as, "Only finding pleasure in Earthly 'things' doesn't last forever." The children then had to link the statement both with the parable and their own lives. A busy, thought-provoking week for Year 4 - well done!	In R.E. this week, we have been talking about Jesus and the tough choices he had to make in the wilderness. We have asked our students to think about the challenges they face and how they can stay strong, just like Jesus did. The story taught us about dealing with tricky situations and staying true to ourselves. It has been a chance for our pupils to think about what really matters to them and how they can make good choices in their own lives.
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Forgiveness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who will you forgive this week?</p>
In RE the year 6 children studied four scriptures from the Gospel of John and retold the events through drawings; showing their understand of the meanings before sharing the story maps with some of the younger children.	