



The Friday Message

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8th Sunday of Ordinary Time



<h4 style="text-align: center;">Reception</h4>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Year 1</h4>
<p>In Reception, we explored the story of the Good Samaritan and what it teaches us about kindness, love, and caring for others. Through Godly Play, the children engaged with the story, thinking about what it means to be a good friend and neighbour. We talked about how Jesus used parables to teach important lessons and how the Samaritan showed love and kindness, even when others walked away. Pupils shared their own ideas by writing messages about how they can help others in school, at home, and in the wider community. They thought about small acts of kindness, such as sharing, helping a friend, and using kind words. Our continuous provision included: Small-world play to retell the story of the Good Samaritan using figures and props. Creative activities such as drawing and mark-making to show their understanding of love and kindness through these activities, the children deepened their understanding of Jesus' message: Love your neighbour as yourself.</p>	<p>In RE, we have started a new branch called Desert to Garden to help us understand why we reflect in Lent and celebrate Easter. We also had CAOFD come in to explain the global church's mission this Easter, which is to support developing villages in Kenya by helping them purchase chickens. The children were also very excited to hear that they would be able to join the Big Lent Walk again like last year.</p> 
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Year 2</h4>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Year 3</h4>
<p>This week Year 2 began their new topic 'Desert to Garden'. In the first session we revisited the bible readings from Luke about Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Crucifixion and The Resurrection. The children then looked at some artwork depicting Holy Week. They worked in pairs to decide which part of the story each painting was about and decided what they liked and disliked about each picture. The children then ranked the pictures individually in a 'diamond 9' formation and explained their choices. In our second session we learnt about what Lent is, why it is a really important time in the Church calendar and what Christians do to get closer to God. The children then made their own Lent pledge.</p>	<p>We were able to use scriptures to read and listen to two really engaging stories this week to start our new focus of Desert to Garden. We read and retold the story of the Manna from Heaven. As with all scripture, we explored the message from this and recognised that God asks us to follow his instruction. We then went on to read and dramatise in small groups the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. Again we looked at the significance of this event and what message we can interpret from it.</p> 
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Year 4</h4>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Year 5</h4>
<p>In RE this week, we have begun our new topic 'Desert to Garden', in which we will explore Lent's themes of forgiveness and reconciliation and the idea that devotion to God leads a person to do good works. This week, we considered what Lent is and why it is significant to Christians, and began reflecting on the changes we could make during Lent to be better people and how focussing on acts of mercy could help with this.</p>	<p>This week, Year 5 children have shown fantastic reflection and maturity at the start of our new topic as they explored the significance of Ash Wednesday. They learned about the symbolism of the ashes and how Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and giving. Through thoughtful discussions and activities, they deepened their understanding of repentance and how Christians prepare for Easter. Well done to all in Year 5!</p>
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Year 6</h4>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Monthly Gospel Value</h3> <h2>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</h2> <h1>.... GENEROSITY</h1> <h3>How can you be generous with your love?</h3> </div>