



The Friday Message

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



Year 1	Year 2
<p>In our first RE lessons this term, the children in Year 1 have been learning about the Creation Story from the Bible. They explored the belief that God made the world and everything in it — from the sun and stars to animals and people! Through storytelling, drama and drawing, the children began to understand that the world is a special gift. We then reflected on the idea that everything we have comes from God. The children went on a “gift hunt” noticing all the things around us that God made for us to enjoy and care for. We have been practising saying thank you to God through prayer and quiet reflection, helping the children grow in awe, gratitude, and understanding of their place in God’s world.</p>	<p>This week Year 2 have started the new RE unit ‘Creation and Covenant’. We looked first at what being a good ‘steward’ of Earth means. We read the late Pope Francis’ Laudato Si letter about looking after our world and learnt about some children around the world who had demonstrated Stewardship. The children then made pledges, with actions they could take in their own lives to demonstrate this. They came up with some really thoughtful and caring ideas. In our second session we read the story of Noah (Genesis 6:9-9:17). We discussed that this story comes from the Old Testament and talked about what the Old and New Testaments are about. The children used picture prompts to retell the story in their own words to each other to deepen their understanding.</p>
Year 3	Year 4
<p>This week in Year 3 we have started our new unit ‘Creation and Covenant’. We started by looking at different stories and how they can help us to understand the world better. The children then began thinking of big questions that they have about the world and God. In our second lesson, we are starting to look at the creation story from the perspective of Genesis which will help the children to answer some of their big questions from the first session- the children came up with some insightful and interesting questions.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year 4 have started the new Unit, Creation and Covenant, starting with the story of Abraham. We began by learning about the historical context of Abram’s life before he was called by God, focusing on Mesopotamia and the culture of religion of Egypt at the time. We explored and discussed polytheism and monotheism and shared our understanding of worship, sacrifice and oral storytelling as it was in Abram’s time. In the second lesson, we read ‘The Call of Abram’ (Genesis 12: 1-5) and retold this story through role play, exploring how Abram may have felt at this time and developing our understanding of God’s covenant with Abram.</p>
Year 5	Year 6
<p>We kicked off the new school year by introducing the concept of a covenant, exploring how it is a special agreement between God and His people. The children learned about the covenants made with Noah, Abraham and Moses, focusing on how these promises shaped the lives of believers. They even used picture prompts to retell these important stories. Well done, Year 5, for your thoughtful discussions and creative retellings!</p>	<p>Our first week back in Year 6 has not only been busy with new learning but also with beginning our first RE unit: <i>Creation and Covenant</i>. The children have shown great curiosity and thoughtfulness as we explored the opening chapters of the Bible, looking closely at Genesis 1 and Genesis 2. Together, we discussed the similarities and differences between the first and second creation stories, reflecting on what they reveal about God’s relationship with the world. In particular, we thought about how Genesis 2 shows God’s human nature and the deep care He has for His creation. The children shared some wonderful insights into how this reminds us that God loves each of us personally and wants us to look after the world He has given us. It has been a meaningful and inspiring start to our Gospel journey this year.</p>

Monthly Gospel Value
Our Gospel Value we are exploring is
Friendship

How can you be a good FRIEND?