The Friday Message
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reception

In RE this week, we learned about the Ascension and how Jesus returned to Heaven to be with God, His Father. During our Godly Play session, we listened carefully to the story and talked about how Jesus went back to Heaven but He did not leave His friends alone. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with them. The children enjoyed retelling the story of Jesus joining His Father in Heaven in the Godly Play area of the classroom during provision time this week too.

Year 1

Year 1 this week have listened to the story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). After hearing this bible reading we discussed questions about the story. We then sequenced and retold the story of Pentecost. In our second lesson we thought about the Ascension and Pentecost. We discussed that these are both Holy Days and are important to the church. In our books we recorded what we know about Pentecost and the Ascension.

Year 2

This week in RE we explored what happened at Pentecost (Act 2:1-9 and 12-13). We discussed how the Apostles might have felt, the children came up with some thoughtful ideas. They then wrote a diary about the event from an Apostle's point of view describing the event and their feelings. In our second lesson we looked at some artwork representing the Holy Spirit. The children made windmills inspired by the Holy Spirit artwork we had looked at. We then said the 'Come Holy Spirit' prayer to get closer to God and invite his love into our hearts.

Year 3

In RE this week, Year 3 have been exploring the story of 'The Road to Emmaus' through artwork, using different images to help them think more deeply about Jesus and the experiences of the disciples. The children observed a range of artworks, discussing what they could see and what it might tell us about the moment Jesus was recognised. A key focus was on the theme of recognition - how the disciples came to realise that it was Jesus walking with them and how their emotions changed throughout the story.

Year 4

In RE this week, Year 4 have been learning about forgiveness and the importance of making things right when we fall short of living out our Christian values. We revisited how Jesus forgave Peter and reflected on what this means for us today. The children discussed real-life scenarios, writing about how we can make things right, and seek God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Act of Contrition, and penance, as well as how we can show mercy to others through our actions and the works of mercy. In our second lesson, we explored Peter's special role in the Church by reading Matthew 16:18 and building on our learning from the Gospel of John. We reflected on how Peter, despite his mistakes, was chosen by Jesus to lead the early Church, and how this role continues today through the Pope.

Year 5

Year 5 have continued to impress with their thoughtful and creative learning about the Holy Spirit this week. They explored how the Spirit helps us to know and follow Jesus, using key vocabulary like wisdom, discernment, faith, and mission to deepen their understanding. Pupils reflected on how the Holy Spirit gives each of us unique spiritual gifts, just like the early Christians in 1 Corinthians 12, and created beautiful "Spiritual Gift Cards" showing how they might use their gifts to serve others. In their second lesson, they learnt about the Fruits of the Spirit and how living with the Spirit helps us become true disciples of Jesus. Their personal prayers were full of sincerity, hope, and kindness—well done, Year 5, for such heartfelt and faith-filled work!

Year 6

This week in Year 6 RE, the children engaged thoughtfully with key beliefs and scripture. In our first lesson, we explored the moment Jesus presented himself to the disciples following the resurrection. The class considered the emotions and reactions of those present, and reflected on how they might have felt or responded in that situation. The children shared a range of insightful and imaginative ideas. In our second lesson, we focused on the Holy Trinity and what Christians believe about the resurrection. Pupils developed their understanding of these core beliefs and discussed their significance within Christianity, showing maturity and respect in their reflections and contributions.

Monthly Gospel Value

Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ....

COMPASSION

How can you show COMPASSION to those around you?