



The Friday Message

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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception This week in RE we looked at the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We learnt that the word sacred means something that is very special and important. We talked about things that are special to us and why they matter; like family members and our favourite toys. We also explored the different parts to the Sacred Heart and what they each represent. We learnt that the heart shows Jesus' love for everyone, the cross reminds us of His sacrifice, the crown of thorns reminds us of His suffering, and the flame shows that His love never ends.	Year 1 This week we have recognised that Catholics are part of a global Christian family and all Christians are brothers and sisters. We discussed this can be family members who live near to us and also people who live far from us. We discussed that Catholics are connected by special symbols that remind us of our faith in Jesus. We created a Christian family head band which included the world and Christian symbols from around the world. In our second lesson we sang the song He's got the whole world in his hands. We looked at Christian art and listened to Christian music. We looked at the images and said what we could see and how the art made us feel.
Year 2 This week in RE, Year 2 delved further into the question 'Who is my neighbour'? They thought back to the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' and reflected on what this had taught them. They listened to a letter the late Pope Francis had written called 'Fratelli tutti' about needing to treat everyone as a neighbour and the effect this will have on our world. In our second session the children learnt about the Peterborough Light project, a local charity that helps people in our local community in need. The children enjoyed hearing about the help they provide people in our city including the 'Garden House', the 7 'Bunkabins' and the 'Street Chaplains'. We discussed why this charity is so important and the impact it has on those it helps. The children were really interested and asked some thoughtful questions. They all made a mind map showing what they had remembered about the Light project.	Year 3 In RE this week, Year 3 have been learning about the Last Supper and its connection to the Jewish celebration of Passover. The children explored why Jesus chose to celebrate the Last Supper during Passover and retold the events using scripture from Luke's Gospel. Through discussion, artwork and creative activities, the children made links between the Last Supper and the Eucharist, developing their understanding of why this meal is so important for Christians today. They enjoyed creating booklets to retell the story in their own words. The children also reflected on scripture and prayer, as well as decorating stones which helped them think about how the message of Jesus can be remembered and shared with others in everyday life.
Year 4 In RE this week, Year 4 reflected on the theological virtues of faith, hope and love, using St Paul's letter to the Corinthians as a starting point. We explored how these virtues are described in Scripture before looking at the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux and identifying ways she lived out faith, hope and love through her actions. The children then reflected on how they could show these virtues in their own lives and discussed which they felt was most important, drawing on St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13. In our second lesson, we learned about Catholic Social Teaching and how Christians are called to work for the good of others. The children researched Christian charities based in Peterborough and considered how their work supports those in need, linking their actions to the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching.	Year 5 This week in RE, Year 5 explored key parables from the Bible, including The Good Samaritan, The Lost Sheep, and The Prodigal Son. Working in groups, the children read and reflected on each passage, thinking deeply about the context and message within the wider story of the Bible. They recorded their interpretations and grouped them under relevant themes, sparking thoughtful class discussion. In the second lesson, pupils chose one passage to represent through reflective, abstract artwork, using a front sheet to explain the meaning behind their choices. Calming music helped set the tone, allowing for a peaceful and creative session. The results will make a wonderful display celebrating how children interpret scripture in personal and expressive ways.
Year 6 This week in RE, we explored the concept of worldview and how our beliefs, values, and experiences help shape the way we see the world. We began by discussing the people, experiences and influences that affect our ideas and opinions, reflecting on who helps us make decisions and understand the world around us. We then considered what is important to us as individuals and discussed whether the same things are important to everyone. Through a range of thought-provoking scenarios, the children developed their understanding of different perspectives and learned the importance of empathy, respect and open-mindedness. This helped us recognise that people may view situations differently based on their own experiences, beliefs, and values.	Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is JUSTICE How can you seek JUSTICE for others?