



The Friday Message

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception	Year 1
Our EYFS children have settled beautifully into their part-time mornings and we have begun learning our morning prayer as part of our routine when settling into school. We talked about how prayers are special words and have learnt how to carefully put our hands together before turning our bodies to look towards the cross in our classroom.	This week, we have started our branch 'Creation and Covenant.' We have listened to the Creation story in Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26. We learnt that God created the world in 7 days, we decorated each number with a picture to show what God created on each day. In our second lesson we had the opportunity to pick our favourite day of the creation story and say why that day was our favourite.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE this week, the children have had an overview of what they will be learning this term and are very excited to learn about the story of Noah and about Baptism. This led to a discussion about who has been baptised and their experiences of attending a baptism. This term's branch, 'Creation and Covenant' has begun with learning about the term 'Stewardship' and how we can be good stewards of the Earth. The children have written pledges about what they can do to help the Earth including recycling, saving water by turning the taps and lights off and picking up litter and putting it in the bin. We then learned about the story of Noah (Genesis 6:9 – 9:17). The children sequenced images and re-told the story in their own words.	In RE this week, Year 3 have begun our new branch, 'Creation and Covenant', by exploring the Creation story in Genesis. We looked closely at the repeated words and phrases in Genesis 1 and noticed how these 'echoes' help us to remember, understand and wonder about Sacred Scripture. In our second lesson, we explored what Genesis teaches Christians about God and Creation. The children used evidence from Scripture to explore some important Christian beliefs: God created everything freely and lovingly, Creation is good, and Creation is God's gift. We also thought carefully about which questions can be answered directly from Scripture, which can be answered through Christian belief, and which questions we can continue to wonder about.
Year 4	Year 5
In RE this week, Year 4 have started our new unit, 'Creation and Covenant', beginning 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 and religion of the time. We explored polytheism and monotheism, and shared our understanding of worship, sacrifice and oral storytelling in Abram's time. In our second lesson, we explored 'The Call of Abram' (Genesis 12:1-5) through Godly Play. The children shared what they wondered about the story and reflected on the Scripture, considering how Abram may have felt when God called him to leave his home and place his trust in Him. We also began to develop our understanding of God's covenant with Abram and the promises God made to him.	We kicked off the term 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!
Year 6	Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ... Friendship How can you be a good FRIEND?
In RE this week, we have spent time familiarising ourselves with the expectations in RE. The children have been very respectful and have enjoyed listening to everyone's views. We started our new unit, 'Creation and Covenant' by learning about the story of Creation and the Second Creation Story. We sequenced images to demonstrate our understanding of how God created the world in seven days.	