



The Friday Message

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception	Year 1
We started our first RE lesson by thinking about what makes our school special and what it means to be part of a Catholic school. We explored the RE areas in our classrooms and went on a special cross hunt. We spotted lots of different crosses in our classroom and were excited to see the cross on our school uniform too! Afterwards, we enjoyed learning in our first Godly Play area where we could pretend to be at school. We even added photographs of the grown-ups who are part of our school community, helping us to talk about and recognise the special people who make up our school family.	This week in Year 1 we have looked at lots of wonderful pictures of the great things that God has created. We discussed that all these things are a gift from God. We spoke about what we can see in each image, how the images made us feel and how we can be close to God in each of these pictures. We then drew our pictures of the wonderful things we like in the world, for example, animal, day and night. In our second lesson we listened to a story called <i>This I Know: Seeing God in the World he Made</i> . We listed all the things that God created. In our books, we drew pictures of things we love and drew pictures of where I see God in the world.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE this week, Year 2 has been recapping the story of Noah (Genesis 6:9 – 9:17); there were some lovely, detailed recounts from the children. During the first session, our focus was to understand why God flooded the Earth and why God saved Noah. We shared our responses with the class before answering some short questions. In our second session, our focus was on the word 'covenant' and what it means; we agreed it was a promise between God and Noah. God promised never to flood the world again and this was shown by the rainbow. We linked this with our previous learning about 'stewardship' of the Earth and how this covenant isn't one way. The children did some amazing 'Hot Seating' of Noah and came up with some very thoughtful questions they wanted to ask.	In RE this week, Year 3 continued our <i>Creation and Covenant</i> branch by exploring the teaching that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We learnt that this means all people have God-given dignity and worth, and discussed how we can show love, fairness and respect to others. We also explored why God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, learning about the Sabbath as a time for rest and worship. Finally, we learnt that Creation is the common work of the Holy Trinity and reflected on the importance of making time for God, our relationships, rest and gratitude.
Year 4	Year 5
In RE this week, Year 4 continued their learning about Abraham by focusing on the covenant God made with him. The children considered how Abraham might have felt when God promised him descendants and land, and how this moment fits within the wider story of salvation. They wrote diary entries in role as Abraham, imagining his thoughts and emotions as he received God's promises. Later, we read the account of the three visitors who told Sarah she would have a son and considered whether Abraham and Sarah truly showed faith in God's word. We ended with a structured class discussion, where the children shared their ideas and supported them with evidence from Scripture.	This week, we delved into the story of Moses, focusing on his encounter with God through the Burning Bush and the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. The students did a fantastic job of understanding how these commandments guide us to live good and happy lives. Their debates on the importance of each commandment were insightful and showed great critical thinking. Excellent work, Year 5!
Year 6	Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is Friendship How can you be a good FRIEND?
This week, we explored the Creation in more detail and focus on two areas: humanity and stewardship. Using artwork and images we investigated and discussed humanity as part of God's creation. This led to looking at the arrival and example of Jesus among us in the scriptures and aspects of humanity that we can show and live out. Following this, through Godly play, we looked at how we are the 'stewards' of the world. Our responsibility as humans on Earth is clearly set out by God and we discussed how we might 'live this out' in what we say and do. What a wonderful, rich dialogue of thoughts and reflection by Year 6!	