



# The Friday Message

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### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



| Reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Year 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| We have been celebrating the part of The Creation Story where God made the plants and animals. We spent time thinking about how amazing God's creations are, especially during Autumn. As we looked at the world around us, we were reminded that everything we see – the colourful leaves, the trees, the animals, and even the tiniest plants – were all carefully and lovingly made by God. We went on Autumn walks with our visualisers to help us spot some of the wonderful things God has created at this time of year, such as the rain, the red autumn leaves and birds flying overhead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | In our final week of completing our learning on Creation and covenant we have recapped what we have learnt over this half term. We looked back at the Creation story and were able to say what was happening in this bible story. We shared what we knew about Pope Francis and the letter he wrote about looking after the planet. We practised saying the Our Father prayer. We drew or wrote words to show something that God made, what we can praise God for, how we can care for the world, something Pope Francis taught us and how prayer helps us. In our second lesson we created a class chain of hope. The chain shows that God's family cares for His world and hopes together for a better future.     |
| Year 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Year 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| In RE this week, Year 2 have consolidated our Creation and Covenant learning. The children have developed a strong sense of being effective stewards of the Earth and can explain lots of ways they can carry out this duty. The last piece of work was to summarise the story of Noah (Genesis 6:9-9:17). The children recalled what they could remember, recording this with words and pictures. In our reflection this week, we learned that Jesus teaches us to give to God what belongs to God – our love, our lives and our trust (Matthew 22:15-21). We thought about what we can offer to God this week and the children had some great ideas including friendship, love and kindness.                                                                                                                                         | This week, Year 3 brought together their learning in <b>Creation and Covenant</b> . The children explained how Genesis teaches that everyone is made in God's image and has equal dignity. They explored stewardship, showing how caring for our world can express love for God, other people and Creation. Inspired by the prayers studied throughout the unit, the children then wrote their own prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Using words such as <i>dignity</i> , <i>stewardship</i> and <i>responsibility</i> , they asked God to help them care for others and protect His Creation. We concluded with a Celebration of the Word, reflecting on how our everyday choices can put God's love into action. |
| Year 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Year 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| In RE this week, Year 4 concluded their learning in our 'Creation and Covenant' branch. We began by revisiting Joseph's decision to forgive his brothers, considering whether he was right to do so despite how badly they had treated him. We had a class debate, using evidence from Scripture to support our arguments and reflecting on how Joseph's faith in God influenced his decision. In our second lesson, we brought together everything we have learned about Abraham, Joseph and God's covenant with His people. The children created reflective double-page spreads, making connections between the stories we have studied and the theological virtues of faith, hope and love.                                                                                                                                         | This week has brought our unit on Creation and Covenant to a close. Year 5 children reflected on the gifts of God in Creation and how we are called to share them; they linked this to our harvest celebration. They reflected on two scripture passages: Leviticus 19:9-10, which emphasises sharing your produce with the poor and the stranger, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, which tells us that "God loves the one who gives gladly". Owens' class responded to the first reading in clay sculpture, and Shackleton responded to the second by writing poems. Both expressed the virtues that we have learned about throughout this unit, such as generosity, love and justice.                                      |
| Year 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <div>Monthly Gospel Value</div> <div>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</div> <div>....</div> <div>Trust</div> <div>How can you build up TRUST with someone?</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Starting our lesson with a prayer from St John Henry Newman, we were reminded about being led with light from Jesus within RE lessons. In our final week of completing our learning in the branch <b>Creation and Covenant</b> . We then recapped what we have learnt over this half term and discussed all of the main areas of learning. Using words, illustrations and symbols, we reflected on our learning by revisiting our work. We made connections in discussions and linked our learning to passages from Scripture. It was a purposeful and rewarding lesson to end our branch. We ended our afternoon with another prayer to give thanks to our world. In our weekly reflection, we looked at what we can offer God in what we do and say. We had some excellent responses which we recorded in our class reflection book. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |