



The Friday Messenger

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)
Friday 27th November 2020



Our curriculum theme
is...
Advent



Year 1	Year 2
This week we started our new topic learning about Mary, mother of God. In our first lesson we heard the story of the Annunciation and the children completed speech bubbles for Mary and the Angel Gabriel. They were able to recognise that God had chosen Mary as she was a very good and Holy person. In our second lesson we made angels using paper plates which were put on the display to remind us of the important story.	We have started our Advent unit in Year 2 this week. The children have been learning about how some things about God are a mystery. This means we know some things about God but there are still things that we wonder about. In our second lesson, we thought about questions we have about God that we would like answered.
Year 3	Year 4
We have started a new unit this week: Mary, Mother of God. We have discussed the period of Advent and that it is the time when Christians prepare for the birth of Christ. We began our learning about the birth of Jesus with the Annunciation – Angel Gabriel visiting Mary and giving her the good news that she had been chosen by God to be the mother of His son, Jesus.	This week in RE, Year 4 have learnt how Mary trusted in God and The Annunciation. We explored how we can be more like Mary and the different feelings she would have experienced. As a class, we discussed how easy it is for us to trust in God and if it was easy for Mary to trust in God.
Year 5	Year 6
This week in RE, Year Five started their topic 'Hope'. We discussed and learned about how, in life, we wait for things and explored how we wait and make preparations. They worked in pairs to come up with some ways to make waiting easier and more exciting for people. We then started to explore the Advent wreath and the symbolism behind each part- we will continue this next week.	This week's lessons took the theme of 'overcoming injustice'. This involved looking at several different charities and researching who the charity helps and how. After reading Matt 25: 35-40, Lk 10:29 – 37 and Jn 15:12, the children categorized aspects of each charity and decided how each had been inspired by the teaching of Jesus. A charity named L'Arche was the main focus of the second lesson. After finding out their mission statement, the children created pieces of artwork which were representative of the work that L'Arche undertakes and annotated to explain the symbolism within each piece.

Gospel Values This month's value is... TRUST (December)	Action! This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent. Why not celebrate the start of Advent by lighting one candle to represent the 1st Sunday of Advent and pray the Advent prayer below together as a family.
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God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Amen.