



The Friday Messenger

3rd Sunday of Easter
Friday 21st April



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: *The Resurrection*
- Year 2: *Easter Tide*
- Year 3: *Celebrating Easter and Pentecost*
- Year 4: *Mission of the Church: The Early Christians*
- Year 5: *Life in The Risen Jesus*
- Year 6: *The Work of The Apostles: The Transforming Spirit*



Year 1	Year 2
<p>This week we have started our next unit called 'The Resurrection'. We spent time reflecting on how Easter Sunday is a special celebration for Christians and why it brings hope and happiness. The children then designed their own Easter Crosses that celebrate this special time for display in our classroom prayer focus area. We then spent time learning more about the Bible story of the Resurrection, when the empty tomb was discovered and Jesus appeared to Mary of Magdala. The children worked in small groups to act out this story, reflecting on how it made the women feel when they realised the tomb was empty.</p>	<p>In our RE work, we read the story of Pentecost and the children reflected on what they learnt and why the story is important. They then created posters which explained what happened in the story and the promise Jesus made. We then started to look at some of the symbols within the story.</p>
Year 3	Year 4
<p>This week we have begun our new topic about Easter and Pentecost. We discussed why Easter is celebrated in the Christian religion and why it is the most important festival of the Church year. We wrote a short prayer as a class describing the moment Jesus rose from the dead. Then we learnt about the Easter vigil and what happens during the Easter Mass. We discussed the Paschal candle and drew one in our books with the prayer the Priest says as it is being lit in church written underneath. After this we talked about other ways people celebrate Easter and shared what we had done to celebrate Easter. To finish off we wrote a letter explaining why Easter is celebrated, why it is the most important festival, what happens in Church and what the paschal candle is.</p>	<p>Year 4 have been learning about what Jesus did after his resurrection. They thought about how they felt seeing him on the beach by the lake and sharing a meal together and then the impact of his words to Peter. They got in role as Peter and recalled how they felt about Jesus and what life had been like as a special friend of Jesus during his life.</p>
Year 5	Year 6
<p>This week Year 5 have started a new topic – Life in the Risen Lord. They read Scripture and then used this to help them explain the importance of the Resurrection. They then worked in groups where they role-played different groups of witnesses to the Resurrection. They discussed the point of view and feelings of the different people who were witness to the Resurrection.</p>	<p>This week the children began their new topic: The Transforming Spirit. Using imagery, the children explored and reflected on what Jesus' Ascension was like for the disciples. They annotated and summarised what Jesus has told them to do and then linked this with how the disciples would have been feeling. In addition to this, the children used Bibles during a matching activity to explain, using scripture, how the apostles were transformed at Pentecost.</p>

<p>Gospel Values This month's value is... Happiness</p>	<p>Action! Write a short prayer to God thanking him for the things in your life that make you happy. You can also decorate your prayer if you'd like to.</p>
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Dear Lord, we thank You for Your mighty power. Lord, we thank you You because You rose to life! During this Easter season, we pray that we will recognise and appreciate what You did for us on the cross so that we could have eternal life. Therefore, we pray that everyone will receive the message of Easter, which is the love of God,

Amen.