



The Friday Messenger

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday 14th July 2023



*Our curriculum theme is: studying another
faith- Islam*

LOOK DISCOVER RESPECT

Year 1	Year 2
We have continued to listen to stories about the Prophet Muhammad's life and thinking about what these stories tell us about the qualities of Muhammad. We learnt about the story when Muhammad needed to wear his cloak but his cat and kittens were sleeping on it, so he cut off the part they were sleeping on to avoid waking them. In the second story, we learnt about how Muhammad calmed a runaway camel and how he told the owner how to look after the camel properly. The children reflected on how the message of these stories is to be kind and caring towards everyone, including animals. The children also spent some time reflecting on their learning within the whole unit, thinking about what they enjoyed most about the different stories they had listened to.	Our RE work this week has continued to focus on Islam. We first looked at the mosque, and learnt about the objects we would find there as well as the significance of each one. We also found out what happened in the mosque. We then learnt about the Qur'an and found out it was a Muslim's holy book, we learnt why it is important to Muslims and what was in it.
Year 3	Year 4
In RE this week we were looking more closely at how Muslims pray. We heard that they try to pray at the mosque, however they can pray anywhere as long as they are facing the holy city of Mecca. We watched a video showing us the preparations made for prayer where Muslims make sure that they are clean, this is called Wudu. The children had picture prompts and wrote the stages of how Wudu is performed. In our second lesson we thought about some 'I wonder' questions that the children would like to know about Islam.	This week, we continued to explore the Qur'an and its importance. We explored the different ways which Muslims learn the Qur'an. We also explored the opening words and what it tells us about its purpose. As well as learning about the Qur'an, we also explored Arabic names and what they tell us.
Year 5	Year 6
This week we continued with our topic of Islam. We completed our booklets all about Ramadan which were all very informative as well as beautifully presented. We then researched the Muslim tradition of Hajj which is one of the Five Pillars of Islam: every Muslim has to make the sacred pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their life. We researched through videos and newspaper reports. The children then 'interviewed' one another answering key questions and then wrote a summary of their answers.	This week, Year Six continued the Islam topic. They learnt about Zakat: giving to the poor which is one of the five pillars of Islam. They also learnt about Muslim's care for creation which comes from the belief that Allah is the only God and that all in creation comes from Allah.

Gospel Values

This month's value is... **Perseverance**

Action! This Sunday's Gospel is The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9). Please read this story on line or in an appropriate children's Bible. There are two activity sheets attached for you to choose from.

Wishing all our school families a safe and happy summer break.

Dear God, we are so grateful for this summer break. Please help us to remember all of the blessings You have given us as we enjoy this time off. In Jesus' name, Amen.