



The Friday Messenger

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday 15th September



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

LOOK DISCOVER RESPECT

Year 1	Year 2
This week in Year 1, we have explored the story of Moses. We read the story together and discussed why he was a good leader and why God chose him. We then re-told the story by acting it out in small groups.	Our focus in RE has been Judaism and the celebration of Shabbat. We have learnt what Shabbat is and why the Jewish faith celebrate it. We have learnt what happens on Shabbat as well as what some of the blessings that are said during the celebration as well as what those blessings mean.
Year 3	Year 4
This week Year 3 have been learning about the Jewish synagogue and the importance for the Jewish religion. They identified the key features in the synagogue and then designed a stained-glass window which could be seen there.	This week in RE, we have been focusing on the Bar Mitzvah and the Bat Mitzvah. We have learnt why these are celebrated, what happens to prepare for the celebration and how they are celebrated. The children watched a video clip of a Jewish girl preparing for the ceremony and learning how to pray and read the Torah in public. Using their knowledge from the lesson, the children were asked to prepare a short presentation about the Bar and Bat Mitzvah in groups. The children enjoyed the experience of presenting in front of their classmates and by the end of the presentations, the children were all experts on Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.
Year 5	Year 6
This week Year 5 have been studying Judaism. They have talked about what they remember about Judaism from previous years. The children listed some of the customs and traditions that they know from Judaism. This week the children read about the story of Passover or Pesach. They learnt about how Jewish people remember this story and celebrate the Israelites journey into freedom every Spring when they celebrate Passover. The children produced their own mini guides to Passover which they illustrated carefully.	In R.E this week, we explored the Jewish holiday of 'Rosh Hashanah' which marks the beginning of the new year in the Jewish calendar. We thought about when and why we might make a new start in our lives. We looked at how Jewish people mark the occasion and their beliefs about God during this time. The children enjoyed looking at what a Synagogue looks like during Rosh Hashanah, and we found out about the special food that Jewish people eat during this time. Our second lesson focused on the period that follows Rosh Hashanah: Yom Kippur. This translates as the Day of Atonement and is considered the most important holiday in the Jewish faith.

Gospel Values This month's value is... Responsibility	Action! This week in RE lessons the children have been learning about the Jewish Faith. Have a conversation with your child about what they have been learning: Tell me about your RE work this week... What did you find out this week about The Jewish Faith? What was the most interesting fact that you learnt? Did anything that you learnt surprise you?
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