

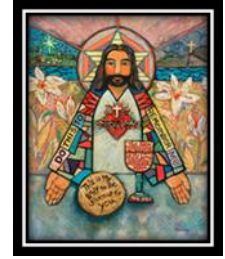


The Friday Messenger

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday 29th September



Our curriculum themes are:
Year 1: God's great plan- Creation
Year 2: Beginnings- Creation
Year 3: Homes
Year 4: The Bible
Year 5: Creation
Year 6: Kingdom of God



Year 1	Year 2
This week, Year 1 focused on who Adam and Eve were and we looked at why God chose them to look after the beautiful world.	This week we have continued to work on the topic 'New Beginnings'. We discussed what a new beginning could be. The children then picked a new beginning of their choice and decided if it was a hard beginning or an easy one. Following this we discussed how we can help those who are finding a new beginning difficult and what they could do if they were finding a new beginning hard.
Year 3	Year 4
This week Year 3 have been thinking about how the Bible encourages us to behave. They then looked at several photos of the Holy Family and thought about what that told them about the important things to the family and how we can try and be like Jesus's family.	This week in RE, Year 4 have explored the story of Abraham and Sarah. We discussed how God told Abraham to leave his own country to a land that He would show him, promising to bless him and his wife Sarah. The children used role-play to act out the story of Abraham and Sarah, commenting on the big decision that Abraham and Sarah had to make to leave their own country. Abraham and Sarah were blessed with a child in their old age and the children wrote a letter detailing what they had learnt about Abraham, Sarah and the difficulties and blessings they experienced.
Year 5	Year 6
We have continued with our Creation topic this week. We read and compared the two creation stories from the Book of Genesis. The children then made links between the two stories and its message for mankind. The children then began to look at why Genesis uses symbolic stories to explain God's work. We also looked at our Gospel Value of responsibility and how we can show this value in our daily lives and within the wider world.	This week the children began by analysing various artistic interpretations of The Prodigal Son. Next, we read the parable together from the Bible and discussed the meaning in detail. The children had excellent knowledge from previous learning. Following on from this, we explored what may have happened if the father in the story had not followed the teaching from Jesus and forgiven his son. Our second lesson focused on writing letters to strangers who may be fading in their faith. The children were able to understand why everyone is welcome into the Kingdom of God.

Gospel Values This month's value is... Thankfulness (October)	Activity: create a poster on A4 paper all about our new value- 'Thankfulness'. Give this to your teacher so that it can be displayed on your classroom prayer board.
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Dear Lord, we're very thankful to You, God, for the good times we have with our families.

Thank You for allowing us to enjoy each other's company. Thank You for giving us time to spend with them each day.

In Jesus' name, Amen.