

The Friday Messenger

Pentecost Sunday
Friday May 17th May

Our curriculum themes are:

Year 1: *To the Ends of the Earth*
Year 2: *To the Ends of the Earth*
Year 3: *To the Ends of the Earth*
Year 4: *To the Ends of the Earth*
Year 5: *Life in The Risen Jesus*
Year 6: *Anointing of The Sick*



Year 1	Year 2
In RE, Year 1 listened to and asked questions about the experiences of how others celebrate Pentecost in different places and cultures. The children then made simple connections between the mission of the Church and the mission of Jesus as he announced it at the beginning of Luke's Gospel (LK 4:16-19). Following this, they created their own mission for the week that they would carry out.	Within RE this week we continued with the unit 'To the ends of the Earth'. Our focus this week was prayer. We started by listening to the words of 'Come Holy Spirit' and first looked at what they meant and then about what it means to open our hearts to God when praying. We then considered why we pray. After a discussion as a class, we then recorded our ideas.
Year 3	Year 4
Year Three learnt about the Early church and how it developed after Jesus ascended into heaven. They found it difficult to understand that Jesus was a Jew but his followers became Christians after they followed his teachings and emulated his actions. They were fascinated to hear about the seven people chosen to serve the people when the Early Church grew too big.	In our first lesson this week, the children viewed two different paintings of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We discussed how Mary is shown in each picture. We found that in one picture, Mary is depicted as the Mother of Jesus and in the other, she is depicted as the Queen of Heaven. We explored other examples of Mary as the Mother of Jesus and the Queen of Heaven. The children then had to design their own depiction of Mary, either as the Mother of Jesus and the Church or as the Queen of Heaven. In our second lesson, we looked at three key questions: Why do we devote the month of May to Mary? Why is the month of May chosen? How do we show our devotion to Mary in May? In groups of five, the children created their own May altar, including a Bible, a statue of Mary, Rosary beads and flowers. Then the group wrote a prayer for Mary, including what they are thankful to Mary for.
Year 5	Year 6
This week Year 5 discussed all the ways that we know Jesus is with us in our lives. They listed many ways including when we pray, when we listen to the Gospel, in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, in the Sacraments and through our actions when we show love and bring hope to others. They also looked at St Francis' Prayer for Peace and listed all the ways that they themselves can be instruments of peace.	The children started their new topic – 'Anointing the Sick'. They began by discussing the question "Who needs healing?" Next, they read an overview of the work which is carried out at Helen House – a children's hospice. The children then applied the same question to this situation and discussed any changes in their understanding of the word 'healing'. In groups, they mind-mapped the different types of sicknesses/needs. The second RE lesson looked at Jesus healing the sick and the reactions of others around, compared to what a modern-day world is like. The children then completed a piece of work which focused on comparing Biblical stories to modern day equivalents, making sure that Jesus' teaching underpinned their reasoning.

Gospel Values

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

Action! In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the story of Pentecost: the sending down of The Holy Spirit to the Apostles.

This week's activity is to make a Pentecost/Holy Spirit poster- see below for some ideas. You can bring your poster into school for your class prayer area.

