

Pupil Voice – RE Enrichment Week 2023

Theme: Prayer – Listening, Speaking, Reflecting, Creating

Our RE Enrichment Week focused on the big questions explored in class this term, including “Does God communicate with people?” (Owl Class) and “Does prayer change things?” (Fox Class). Children of all ages explored prayer through creativity, reflection and hands-on experiences. Below is what they told us...

EYFS

“Prayer is talking to God... like saying thank you.” (EYFS)

“I liked the prayer garden because it was quiet like thinking time.” (EYFS)

“My prayer cup was full of nice things I want to say.” (EYFS)

Year 1

“I put a happy prayer in my cup because I wanted to share good things.” (Year 1)

“The fizzy prayers were fun — the bubbles took our prayers up!” (Year 1)

“The Lego prayers helped me build something to say thank you.” (Year 1)

Year 2

“Prayer can be quiet or loud. Both still count.” (Year 2)

“I liked choosing a colour for my prayer doodle — mine felt calm.” (Year 2)

“The prayer spaces made it easier to think. I liked the lights.” (Year 2)

Year 3

“The blackout prayers were cool because you make a message appear.” (Year 3)

“I didn’t know prayer could be creative. I thought it was only words.” (Year 3)

“Space Makers helped me slow down when my mind was busy.” (Year 3)

Year 4

“Prayer is like a pause button for your heart.” (Year 4)

“I liked writing prayers for people who might need hope.” (Year 4)

“The prayer garden outside made me feel peaceful.” (Year 4)

Year 5

“Prayer can change how you feel, even if the situation doesn’t change.” (Year 5)

“We explored whether God communicates in different ways — through people, stories, or thoughts.” (Year 5)

“It was interesting seeing how people from different religions pray.” (Year 5)

Year 6

“Creating prayer spaces for the whole school made me feel responsible.” (Year 6)

“Prayer isn’t always asking — sometimes it’s listening.” (Year 6)

“I liked Space Makers because it taught us ways to be still.” (Year 6)

“It made me think more deeply about what prayer can mean to different people.” (Year 6)

Whole-School Feedback

“It was relaxing.” (multiple year groups)

“I liked choosing how to pray - there were lots of ways.”

“It made me think about God in a different way.”

“I would like more prayer spaces around school.”

“It helped me understand why people pray.”

What the Children Enjoyed Most

Making prayer cups to hold spoken or written prayers

Watching “fizzy prayers” dissolve as they reflected

Designing Lego prayers to build ideas and hopes

Creating prayer doodles and prayer plates

Visiting the prayer garden

Exploring the brand-new Space Makers initiative

Summary

RE Enrichment Week helped children understand prayer as:

- Something creative
- Something personal
- Something reflective
- Something that can bring calm, hope and connection

Children across the school spoke confidently about prayer, spirituality, listening, stillness and creativity - a powerful impact from a thoughtful and meaningful RE week.