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RE Enrichment Week: *Journeys of Hope*

A whole-school exploration of the Easter story through the theme of journey, transformation and hope.

INTENT

Our RE enrichment week, *Journeys of Hope*, aims to deepen pupils' understanding of the Easter story by exploring it as a journey from despair to hope. Through biblical texts, creative learning and reflective practice, pupils will:

- develop theological understanding of Holy Week and the Resurrection;
- make connections between Christian beliefs and themes such as courage, forgiveness, resilience and hope;
- reflect on personal and communal journeys;
- understand how Christians worldwide find hope through Jesus' life, death and resurrection;
- strengthen SMSC development, including empathy, reflection and spiritual curiosity.

IMPLEMENTATION

Across the week, each key stage explores a different aspect of "journey," while whole-school worship frames the theme. Activities are designed to be:

- creative and interactive
- rooted in scripture
- accessible and age-appropriate
- reflective and experiential
- rich in vocabulary and enquiry

IMPACT

By the end of the week, pupils will:

- articulate how Christians find hope in the Easter narrative;
- explain different kinds of journeys (personal, emotional, spiritual, biblical);
- recognise symbols of hope (light, cross, water, garden, stone rolled away);
- show empathy and understanding of key figures in the Easter story;
- connect learning to their own experiences of challenge and hope.

EYFS: Journeys Through the Easter Garden

Focus: moving through the story using sensory experiences

Key ideas: growth, new life, light, kindness, hope

Activities

1. Create a "Journey Garden"

- Tray or outdoor area with palms, a hill, a cross, a stone, flowers.
- Children 'travel' figures through the Easter story.

2. Hope Stones

- Decorate stones with hearts, flowers or crosses.
- Talk about times they felt sad and what helped them feel hopeful.

KS1: Jesus' Holy Week Journey

Focus: following Jesus' steps from Palm Sunday to Easter morning

Key ideas: feelings, courage, friendship, hope

Activities

1. Story Map of Holy Week

- Pupils create a long illustrated timeline.
- Include key emotions (fear, sadness, hope, joy)..

2. Empty Tomb Craft

- Paper-plate tomb with movable stone.
- Focus on the moment hope returned.

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LKS2 (Years 3–4): The Road to Emmaus – From Confusion to Joy

Focus: emotional and spiritual journeys

Key ideas: not recognising hope at first, courage, questions, renewal

Activities

1. Drama Freeze-Frames

- Each group shows a moment on the Emmaus road.
- Hot seating: “How were you feeling?”

2. Big Question Work

- “Why didn’t they recognise Jesus?”
- “What gives people hope when they feel confused?”

3. Hope Lanterns

- Create lanterns with quotes from the story or personal hopes.

UKS2 (Years 5–6): The Easter Story as a Journey of Transformation

Focus: deeper theology, symbolism, and personal reflection

Key ideas: sacrifice, salvation, courage, despair → hope, resurrection, renewal

Activities

1. Textual Investigation

- Compare gospel accounts of the resurrection.
- Explore: “How does this story bring hope to Christians today?”

2. Personal Reflection Writing

- “A time I found hope when things were difficult.”
- “What helps me keep going on my journey?”

3. Large-Scale Art

- Collaborative mural titled:
“Hope Rises: Our Resurrection Story.”

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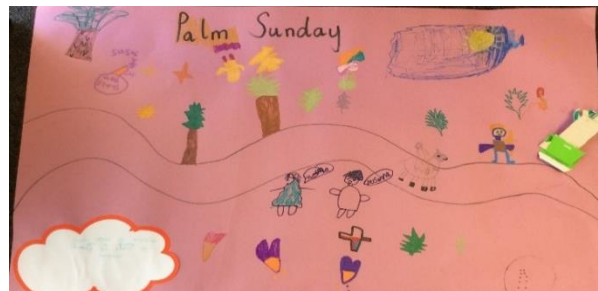
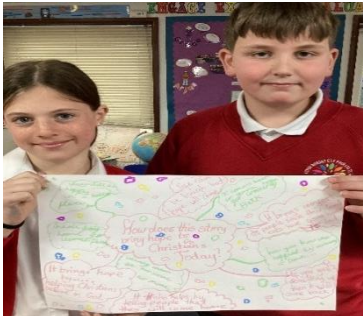
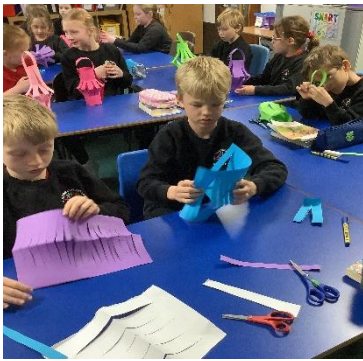
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