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### **RE Enrichment Week 2022: Exploring the Easter Story**

This year's RE Enrichment Week gave pupils across the school a meaningful opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Easter story, linking closely to the units they had been studying throughout the term. Each class explored a different key moment from Holy Week, allowing children to investigate the events from multiple viewpoints and build a coherent, sequential understanding of why Easter is such an important festival for Christians.

Throughout the week, pupils engaged in creative, reflective, and practical activities designed to bring the Easter narrative to life. We hope families enjoyed seeing some of the thoughtful RE work produced as a result.

#### **Hedgehog Class – Palm Sunday**

##### **Linked to this term's topic: *New Life***

Hedgehog Class explored the events of **Palm Sunday**, focusing on the symbolism of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Children discussed why crowds welcomed Jesus with palm branches and considered how this connects with themes of hope, new beginnings, and the idea of "new life."

Activities included:

- Creating paper palm leaves
- Role-playing the procession to understand why the crowd felt joyful
- Reflecting on how welcoming others can show kindness and respect

This provided a gentle and age-appropriate introduction to the Easter story and its joyful opening.

#### **Squirrel Class – Good Friday**

##### **Linked to this term's unit: *How Should the Church Celebrate Easter?***

Squirrel Class engaged thoughtfully with the events of **Good Friday**, learning about why Christians remember Jesus' death and how the church marks this solemn but significant day.

Pupils:

- Discussed why Christians view the cross as a symbol of love and sacrifice
- Created their own crosses using different materials
- Reflected on the reasons Christians believe Jesus' death is central to the Easter narrative

These activities encouraged children to explore sensitive themes with empathy and respect, connecting their learning to real Christian practice.

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### **Fox Class – Maundy Thursday**

**Linked to the unit: *Does Easter Make Sense Without the Passover?***

Fox Class took a deeper, more investigative approach by exploring **Maundy Thursday** and the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

Pupils:

- Learned about the Jewish festival of Passover and its connection to the Easter story
- Made their own bread and shared it as part of a thoughtfully recreated Last Supper
- Took part in a symbolic foot-washing session to understand Jesus' teaching on service and humility

These hands-on experiences helped children uncover how the Old Testament and New Testament narratives connect, supporting deeper theological understanding.

### **Owl Class – Easter Sunday**

**Linked to the unit: *Is the Resurrection Important to Christians?***

Owl Class focused on **Easter Sunday**, exploring the Christian belief in Jesus' resurrection and its lasting impact.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6:

- Recreated key scenes such as the **Garden of Gethsemane** and **Golgotha**
- Investigated how Christians interpret the resurrection today
- Discussed why the resurrection is seen as a message of hope, renewal, and transformation

Their reflective work demonstrated maturity, sensitivity, and a growing ability to ask big theological questions.

### **Impact of the Week**

RE Enrichment Week 2022:

- Strengthened pupils' understanding of the Easter story from multiple perspectives
- Closely aligned with the school's progression of RE units, ensuring coherent, sequenced learning
- Supported spiritual development, empathy, and reflection
- Fostered curiosity, creativity, and respectful discussion about faith and meaning
- Enabled pupils to make strong connections between scripture, symbolism, and Christian practice

The children engaged with remarkable enthusiasm and thoughtfulness, helping to create a rich and reflective atmosphere throughout the school.

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