



CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION NEWSLETTER



CREATION

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Welcome to the first Catholic Life and Mission Newsletter of our new academic year. We hope you find it a helpful way of finding out what your child has been learning in RE lessons. We have just finished our learning about Creation. This unit allows the children to reflect upon the different Old Testament stories and begin to consider what part they need to play in taking care of our beautiful planet.

Year 2

During our RE topic of Creation this term, the children have been learning about how to care for their environment. The children have learnt that we all need to play a part in taking care of God's creation. They made some mini posters showing things they will do to be a good steward and follow God's example of looking after our planet. The children have also enjoyed learning about the stories of Noah and his ark as well as Jonah and the big fish. These stories helped the children to consider how we should all listen to God and make the right choices.



Year 4



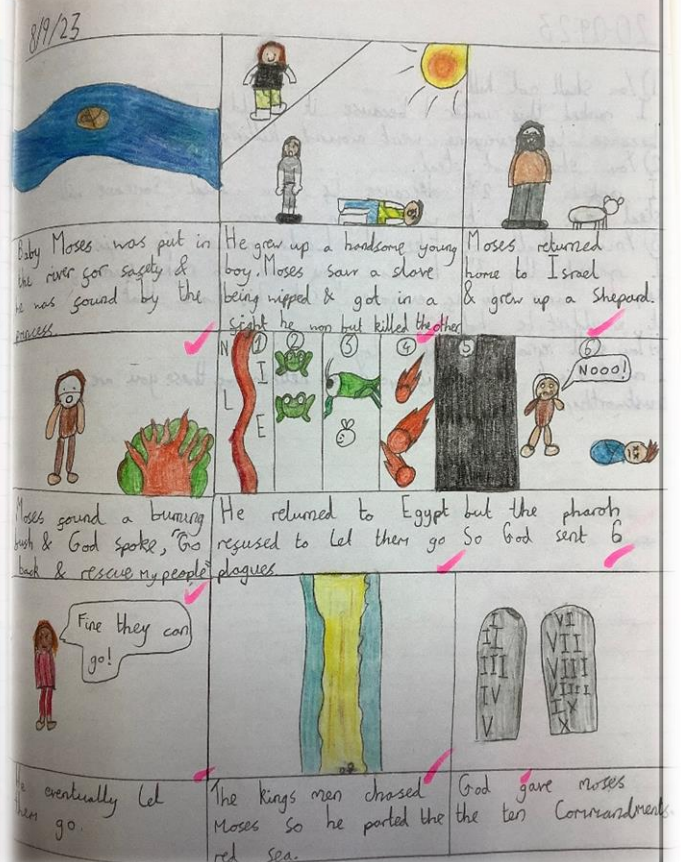
In RE this half term Year 4 have been learning about Creation and have been working hard to develop their understanding of this topic. They have also linked their learning to the FCJ Core Values and the UNCRC. The children have been thinking about what God wants us to be like and how each one of us should value and respect our differences.

Year 6

In Year 6, the children have been enjoying their 'Creation' unit of work and exploring what it means to be a person of God. They have learnt more about the courageous leader Moses, his life and how he delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The children have looked at The Ten Commandments in depth and tried to establish their own order of importance. This proved to be a challenging task as all of the Ten Commandments are of great importance and so as a result, super discussions ensued. Our most recent studies have led Year 6 pupils to the story of Cain and Abel. During these lessons, the children discussed how Cain should have dealt with the jealousy he felt for his brother, Abel, in a different and more positive way. The children became 'agony aunts' to offer guidance to Cain and Abel in letter form, remembering our FCJ values at the core.

Dear God,

I pray for a harmonious world. I thank you for all you do, help those who don't know what is right to make good choices. Give people the courage to say, "I am me and I am enough." Help those living in poverty, wars and floods. Give them clean water and healthy food. Bring peace to our world and everyone in it. Tell everyone to be kind, be themselves and to not let anyone tell them, "You aren't good enough" because you are. Everyone in this world has a purpose to fulfill and once they have, our world will be harmonious again. I pray for a harmonious world. Amen.



FCJ CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Assembly.



CAFOD
Just one world



Donations for The Shelter Trust's Tinathon.



The Congregation of the Faithful Companions of Jesus was founded in France in 1820 and Thursday 21st September marked the birthday of our Foundress, Marie Madeleine d'Houët. In school we are inspired by the life and mission of Marie Madeleine every day. This year, as always, we took time on her birthday to remember her life and how the FCJ Order was founded. Each class reflected upon the FCJ Core Values, which we share with our all the FCJ schools. The pupils added their thoughts and prayers to the six reflections.



On our Battle of Britain INSET, the staff celebrated the launch of the FCJ Pastoral Booklet. This booklet is the work of ten pastoral leaders from the five FCJ schools from Jersey and England and includes contributions from the staff and students from these schools. We were joined by Sister Brenda fcJ, Caroline Braggs (FCJ Educational Trust) and Marta Pugsley (RE/Ethos Governor). Over the course of the INSET session, every member of the FCJ team participated in a series of activities focused on each of the six FCJ Core Values. It was an opportunity for every member of the staff team to deepen their understanding and consider how they will live out the Core Values over the coming academic year.



Welcome Father Edward!

We are delighted to introduce Father Edward. He is visiting school once a week to support the work done in our Religious Education lessons. Year 5 were very interested in his talk about the role of the Deacon, and they had some very interesting questions to ask. He has also spent time visiting our Year 1 and Pre-school classes. Father Edward will be training our first group of Year 6 Altar Servers, in preparation for the All Saints Mass at the beginning of November.



Mustard Seed Jersey

As always, we love supporting this important cause and we would love to donate even more shoeboxes than ever. As a Rights Respecting School, we want to support children around the world and the Mustard Seed initiative enables our children to reflect upon this and will provide a further opportunity for us to support others.

This year Mustard Seed will be sending shoeboxes to Ukraine and Romania. It has been suggested that each child's shoebox contains a tin of baked beans, spaghetti hoops or similar. We are still collecting shoeboxes in school and the closing date will be **Monday 30th October** (after the half term holiday).

Catholic Social Teaching

Our next RE topic focuses on Catholic Social Teaching (CST). This is a new unit of study from the diocese, where each class will focus on developing their knowledge of CST and then apply it into a practical project. The next RE newsletter will celebrate the learning from this topic from across the school. For more information about CST, please see the resources available from CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-social-teaching>