Welcome

During the welcome topic, the children in Reception class learnt about being part of God's family. They also explored how they are welcomed into this family through Baptism. The children recognise the importance of the name they have been given and made it out of playdough. The children also listened to the story of Matthew's Baptism and re-enacted this through role-play.

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The children understood about being part of God's family and learnt the song:

We welcome you to this place, part of God's family.

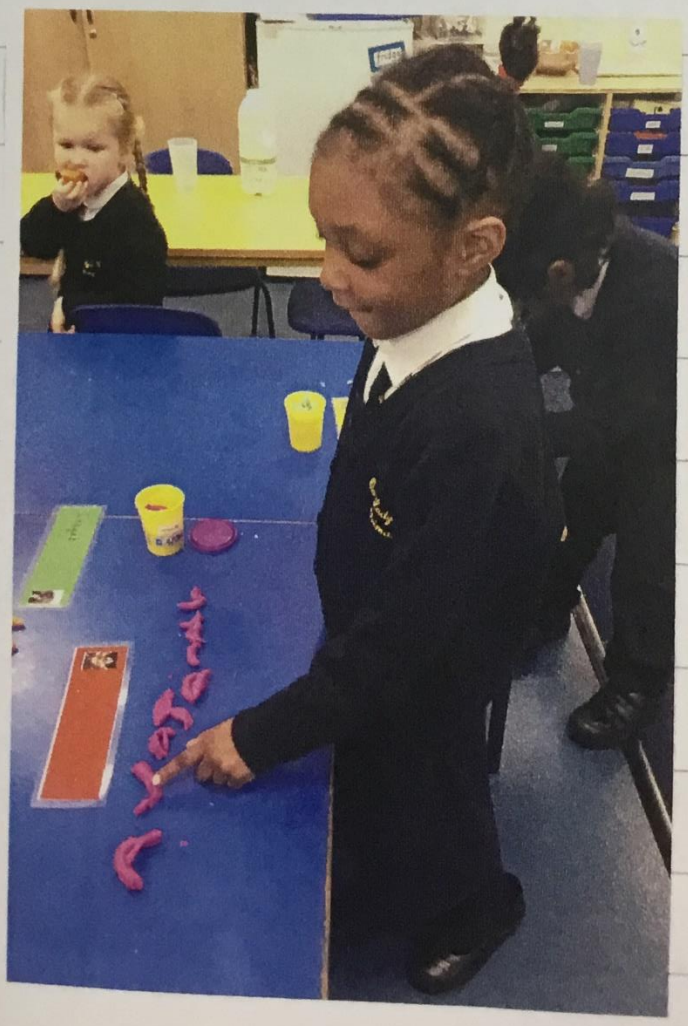
Together as one, we celebrate.

We are children of God

And raise our voices in song.

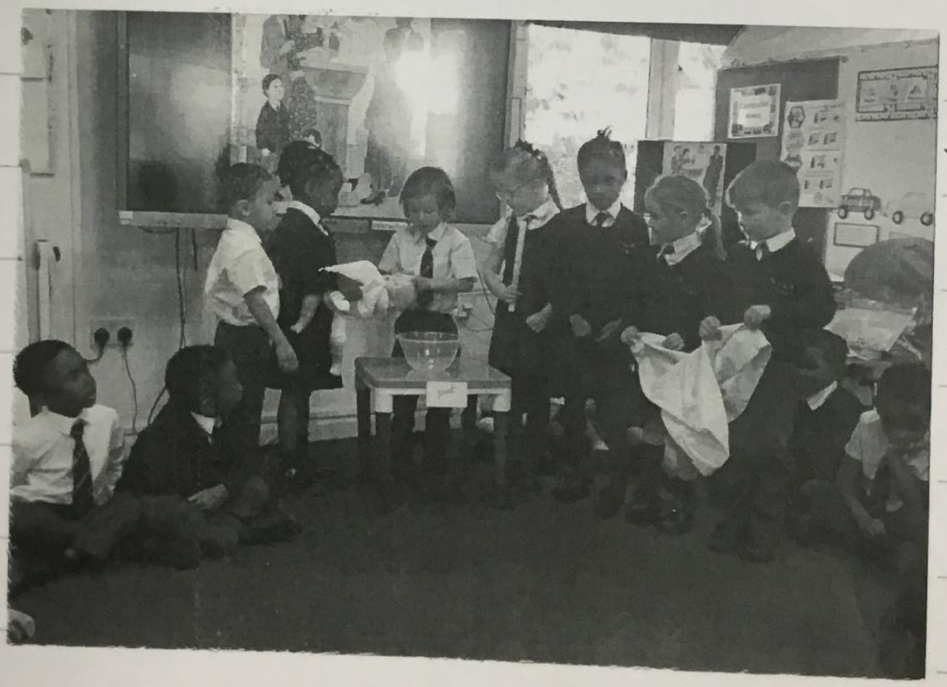
To praise God's name in all the land.

Each child recognised the importance of the name that they had been given and made it out of playdough.



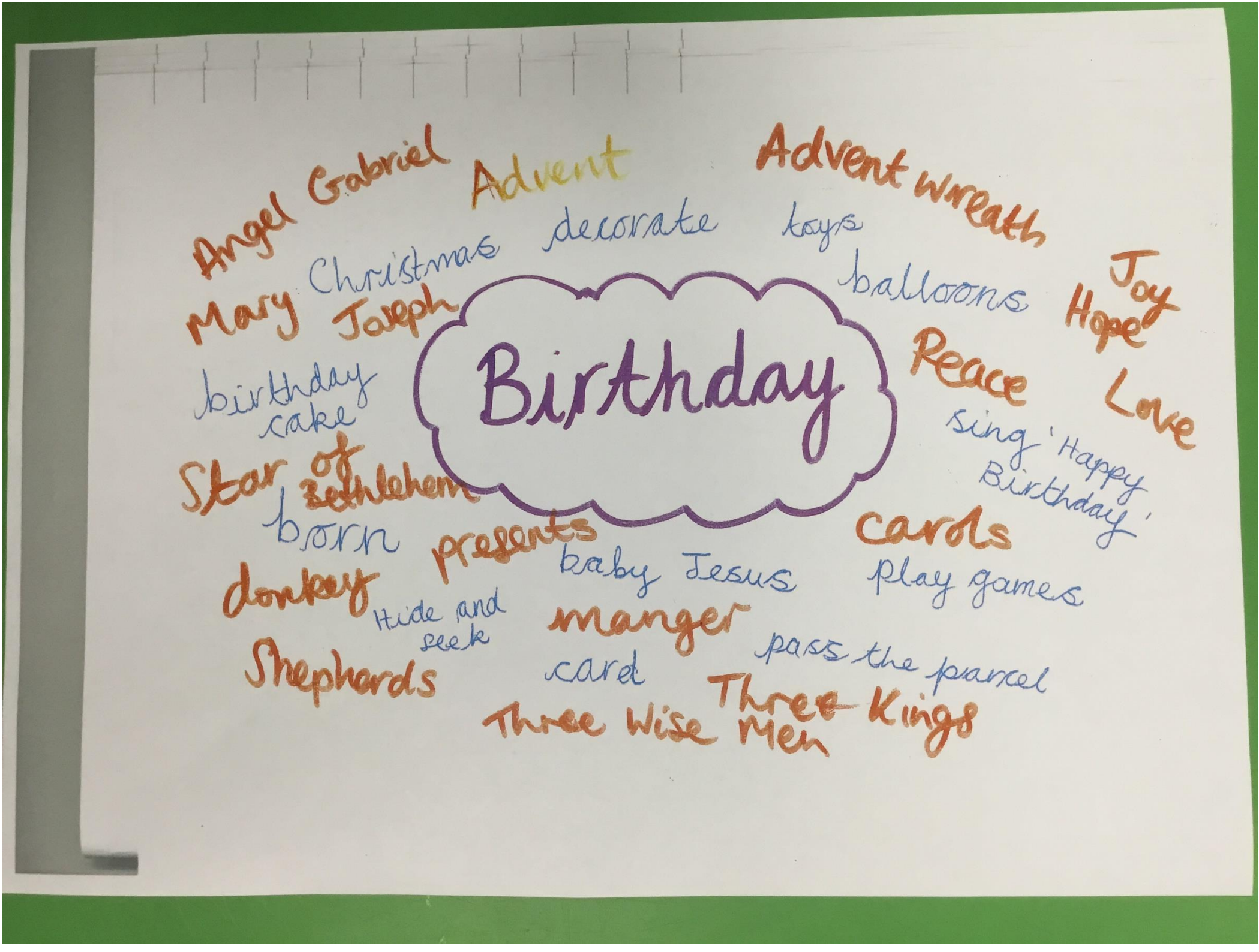
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The children listened to the story of Matthew's baptism. It was explained that it was a very special sacrament when a baby is welcomed into the family of the church. They watched a video about a Catholic baptism and then re-enacted the key events. Each child learnt that the priest pours water over a baby's head as he says, 'I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.' They learnt special words: font, white garment, candle, water, priest, family and godparents.



Birthday

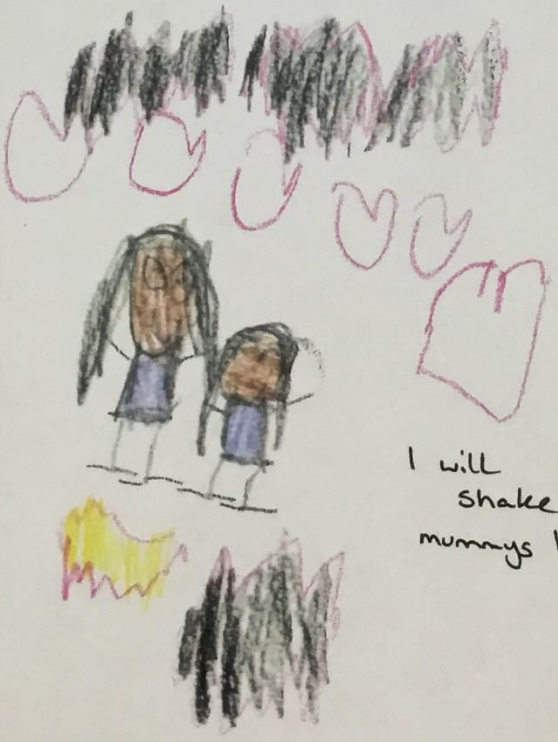
During this topic, the children learnt about the first Christmas and how this celebrates Jesus' birthday. In Reception Class, the children began the topic with a class concept map, which is re-visited at the end of the topic, where new learning is indicated by a different colour. As the children learnt about Advent, they decided on an act of kindness that they demonstrated throughout this time.


Angel Gabriel
Advent
Advent wreath
Mary
Christmas
decorate
toys
balloons
Joy
Hope
Joseph
Birthday
Peace
Love
birthday cake
sing 'Happy Birthday'
Star of Bethlehem
born
cards
presents
baby Jesus
play games
donkey
Hide and seek
manger
pass the parcel
Shepherds
card
Three Kings
Three Wise Men

Acts of kindness

14.12.2





I will
shake
mummys hand

Celebrating

In the topic of celebrating, Reception Class thought about the different events and ways in which they can celebrate. We focus on the celebrations that take place in church. Before the children began the topic, new vocabulary was shared and explained. The children recorded recent celebrations they had attended, by drawing the celebration and began to write about it.

Vocabulary

celebration	A special event that people enjoy together.
church	A building where people gather together to worship God.
community	A group of people in the church who like to share their faith and different celebrations together.
memory	Something that is special and can be remembered from the past.

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I was at a New Year's party.

Gathering

During this topic, Reception Class explored what things are done when we gather as opposed to being on their own. Reception class learnt that we gather for Mass. The children visited the church and completed a treasure hunt of the familiar things they would find. The children listened to the Gospel story of 'Jesus blesses the children' from Matthew's Gospel. After that, they discussed what the story told them about Jesus.

Treasure Hunt in Church



altar ✓



candles ✓



font ✓



Holy water ✓



hymn books ✓



lectern ✓



pews ✓



stained glass window ✓



tabernacle ✓

Why do people gather together at Mass?

We gather at mass so we listen to Lisa Father Stephen - an.

Jesus – Inspirational person

People brought their children to Jesus,



he took them in his arms and he blessed them.

What does the story tell you about Jesus?

He is being
compassionate.