Signs and Symbols

In Year 2 the topic of Signs and Symbols, focused on the importance of Baptism. The children explored what happens at a Baptism, and were encouraged to link this to their own experiences. The children studied the key vocabulary at the start of the topic, the use of images were to help the children to understand what each word means. The children were also asked to write what they think a priest would say during a Baptism.

Signs and Symbols Vocabulary

Rite of Baptism	One of the seven Sacraments. When we are baptised we become part of the family of the church.	
Candle	Candles are used in baptism and given to the person who has been baptised as a symbol of Jesus' light.	
Garment	A garment is an item of clothing. The person being baptism has a white garment to wear. It is a sign of them being Christian and a symbol of being a new creation clothed with Christ.	
Oil	The **Oil of the Catechumens** is put on the chest before the water is poured. It is a symbol of strength from Christ. **Oil of Chrism** is put on the forehead after the water is poured. It symbolises being a member of the church.	
Water	Water is poured over the head of the person being baptised, and sometimes people go underwater to be baptised. Jesus was baptised in the water of the River Jordan by John the Baptist. It is a symbol of being cleaned of sin and beginning a new life.	
Font	The font holds the water which the person will be baptised with.	
Priest	Father Stephen and Father Henry are the priests at our church. Priests teach us about being Catholic and look after their Catholic community. A priest is needed for a baptism.	
Sign of the Cross	A prayer. It is a sign that we are Christian and symbolises The Holy Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.	
Scripture	Words from the Bible. We use what has been written in the Bible to learn about God and how to be good Christians.	
Prayer	Prayer is a way to speak to God. There are four types of prayer: Thanksgiving – Saying thank you to God Adoration – praising God Petition – asking God for help Sorrow – being sorry	

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Thursday 5th October

Independent Work

LO: To be able to describe some religious symbols involved in the celebration of the sacraments.

SC: I am able to explain some words that a priest might use during a baptism.

I will baptise you in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen. Welcome to the Church. Wagon to the family.

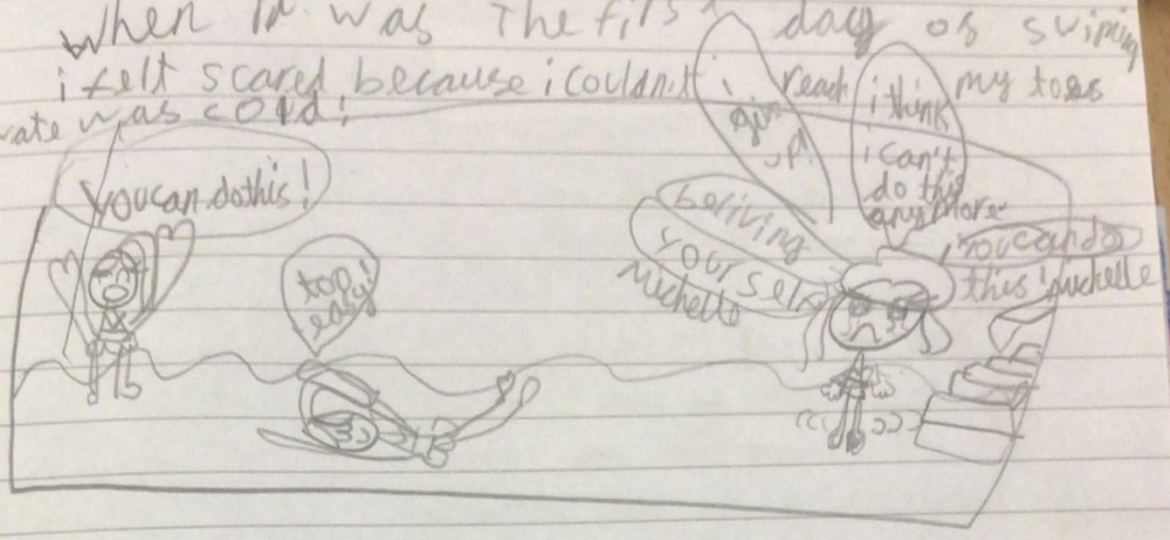


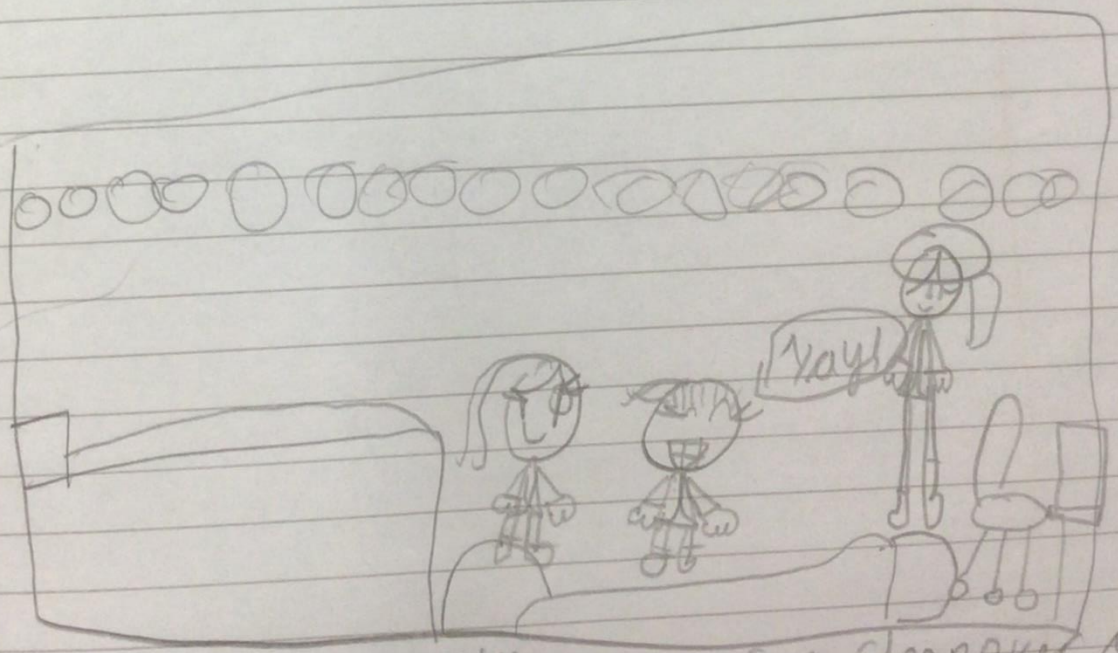


Beginnings

During the beginnings topic, Year 2 started by exploring the new beginnings they have experienced. They discussed how sometimes we enjoy the new beginnings and how they can feel nervous or sad when experiencing something new. The children were asked to draw a picture of a beginning they had experienced for both feelings. The children looked at a piece of Scripture that corresponds to the Creation Story. Each child analysed this and they were encouraged to write down what they thought was important and why.

when it was the first day of swiping i felt scared because i couldn't reach my toes and the water was cold.





i went to my cousin's house for a sleepover and i felt exited i stayed for 2 days.

Friday the 10th of November 2023

LO: To be able to understand that psalm is a song of praise to God.
SC: I have recognised when God was there in my life.

Look at God's world

When we look at the sky you have made,
We wonder how big it all is;
the moon and the stars shining there;
how far away can they be?

And we feel so small
standing here on the ground;
And the sky is so vast,
so high up above.

But you make us great,
make us all just like you.
You give us your world,
Let us give it your love.
(based on Psalm 8:3-11)

We praise you God.
Each day the sun
rises high in the sky
to give us light and warmth.
Words are not needed
to tell us how wonderful you are;
the silent message
reaches everyone, everywhere.
We are full of joy
as each new day begins.
(based on Psalm 19:1-5)

I like this part because it is making me think.

I like this part because it makes me feel like I am having Jesus

I like this part because I feel calm

I like this because it makes me filled with love





Preparations

Preparations was the Advent topic. Year 2 explored the events that happened leading up to Jesus' birth. The children created 'The Annunciation' art work after reading this piece of Scripture. As a class, the children then created an Advent acrostic poem.



C arol Singers Singing Songs of prause
H e has been born today
R ing bells to let everyone know
I n a manger lays a King.
S hepherd's watched as He slept
T he angels Sang for Him
M any gifts the Wise Men gave
A t the Stable our Saviour was born
S tars shone brightly on Christmas morn



Books

The books topic allowed Year 2 to explore the different parts of the Bible. At the beginning of the topic, they discussed how the Bible is made up of lots of stories from before Jesus was born - The Old Testament and then when after Jesus was born to after His death - The New Testament. The children then chose their favourite Bible story and created a front cover for a Bible based on this. Further, into the topic, they studied at the Gospels and read some of these as a class. The children then chose the one they liked the most and had a go at re-writing this, as if they were a Gospel writer.

Thursday 4th January 2024

LO: Explore different books used at home and school and how they are presented.
SC: I have designed a front cover for a Bible story.





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Angel Gabreil comes To Mary

Mary Was in her house cleaning and washing until... a glashing light entered her house~~s~~ ~~she~~ didn't ~~know~~ what was hapining. ~~F~~finally the light ~~g~~added and a angel appered. ~~W~~who are you? ased Mary? I am the angel gabreil I have come to tell you some sprial new~~s~~. ~~Y~~You will soon have a baby not any ordenary baby but a baby king. But I am just Mary a normal woman. ~~N~~yours not you are Mary the Mother of god. you will call your baby Jesus. But I still don't understand. But angel gabreil had dissaperd.

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LO: To be able to know what Gospels are.

SC: I have retold my own version of a story from the Gospels.

Thanksgiving

During the topic of Thanksgiving, Year 2 explored the different parts of Mass and what happens during each section. The topic starts with a concept map, where children answered questions about the topic. This was then revisited at the end to show the knowledge progression. Year 2 have also wrote their own thanksgiving prayers.

Thanksgiving

What does Eucharist mean?

Holy Water (Ash)
When you gather around (Prosper)
When you are having your supper (Loussia-Grace)
When Jesus comes (Peter)
Celebrating Jesus with food (Theo J)

Eucharist means thanksgiving by saying and showing you are thankful. (Michelle and Ash).

Why is it important to say thank you?

Because someone gave something to you (Theodore)
When someone is kind to you (Albert)
Saying thank you is kind (Miya)
To make sure everyone is happy (Gabriel)

It is important to say thank you because it is polite. (Lochlann and Isaiah).

God and Jesus have taught us to say thank you. (Theo and Prosper).

How can we say or show thank you?

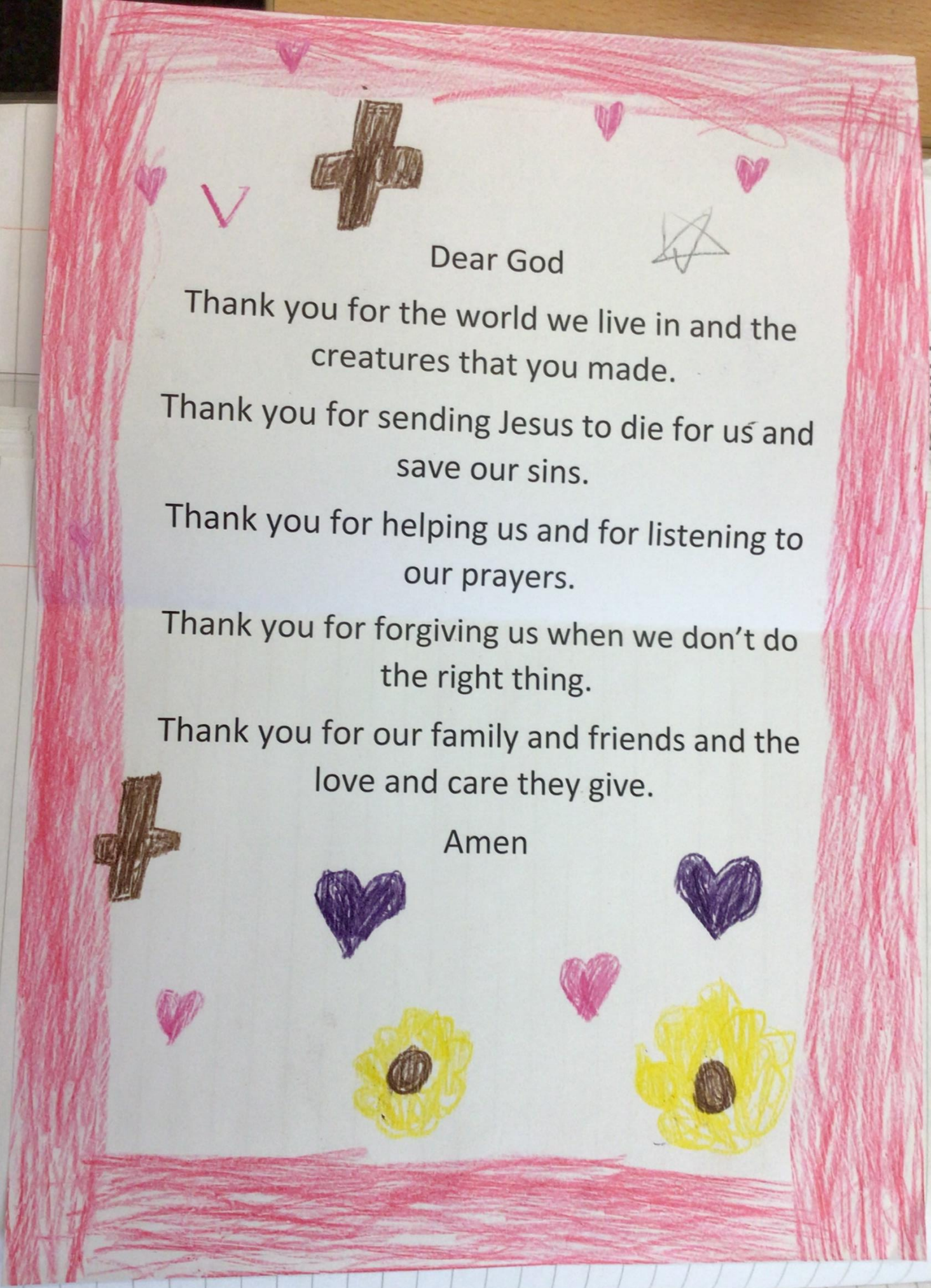
Use the sign (Caleb)
Throwing a party for hard work (Kathy-Theresa)
By showing love (Isaiah)
Giving gifts (Miracle)
Being kind (Fidelia)

We pray (Kathy-Theresa)
Going to mass. (Precious)
We say thank you to Jesus for dying on the cross for our sins. (Daniel)
We eat Jesus' body and drink His blood at communion. (Miracle and Kaiyah).

What are the different parts of mass?

Singing Hymns (Natasha)
The Gospel (Lochlann)
Praying (Daniel)
The Homily (Belle)

There are four parts of mass. (Theodore).
We gather. (Peter)
We Listen. (Fidelia)
We give thanks. (Natasha).
We go out. (Giga)



Dear God

Thank you for the world we live in and the creatures that you made.

Thank you for sending Jesus to die for us and save our sins.

Thank you for helping us and for listening to our prayers.

Thank you for forgiving us when we don't do the right thing.

Thank you for our family and friends and the love and care they give.

Amen