

The Swallowtail
Federation of Church
Schools

Newsletter for R.E
and Values



Spring Term 2018
Newsletter #2



Dear Parent/Guardian



During the second half of this term we will be undertaking 40acts for Lent. The children will carry out acts of kindness each day by choosing a challenge card and each completing throughout the day. They will bring a wallchart home so that you can join in with them. We would be really grateful if you could share with us what you do at home.

If you would like to find out more about 40acts please look at the following website: <https://40acts.org.uk/>

As a federation we will also be collecting for charity over this period of time. The children will all bring home a charity box for odd bits of change that they can collect over lent. The charity that we are all supporting is MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), this is a charity that offers aid, relief and mission to isolated areas around the world.



If you would like to find out more about MAF please look at the following website: <https://www.maf-uk.org/>

S. Holmes
(R.E Leader)



Question

BIG QUESTION: What does the cross mean to Christians?

Concept: The cross

This is our 2nd Christianity question for this academic year and will be considered for 9 weeks. During the last two weeks of this term the children will learn about 40acts and recap on the Easter story.

Reception

The children will be thinking about this question through their continuous provision. They will be looking at the cross, finding crosses in their environment and making their own.

Year 1 and 2

The children will be thinking about the cross, looking at various types of crosses and the importance of the cross to Christians. At the beginning of the term the children will mind map ideas about the cross and write any questions that they would like to find out over the course of the term. They will be encouraged to look at various artefacts of different crosses and consider when they are used and where they could be found, the children will also think about what the crosses are made from and give their opinions on them. Further in to the term the children will explore crosses from around the world. They will look at these crosses, hear the Bible reading that is attached to each one and the story behind them too. The children will then have the opportunity to make their own version of these crosses using various media such as paper, wood, card, tape etc.



Question 2a; Year 3 and 4

BIG QUESTION: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?

Concept: Samsara/Karma

This question will be considered for the first 6 weeks of the term. The children will have an introduction to Hinduism and think about who Brahman is. They will learn that Hindus believe Brahman is the one true God and has many forms.



Question 2b; Year 3 and 4

BIG QUESTION: What difference does belief in Samsara/Karma have on the Hindu practices that take place at the time of death?

Concept: Samsara/Karma

This question will be considered for 5 weeks. The children will be thinking about what it means to be a pilgrim. They will think about contrasting views of pilgrimage both as a life journey and as a physical journey. The children will think about the idea of life as a journey, a test, a game and link this with various religions and non-religious views. They will consider Christian ideas about life after death, Hindu views and places of pilgrimage for both Christians and Hindus.



Question; Year 5 and 6

BIG QUESTION: What difference did the Revelations make to the life of the Prophet Muhammad* and his followers? *Peace Be Upon Him

Concept: Revelation

This question will be considered for 11 weeks. The children will be thinking about what Muslims believe and what impact this has on the local and Worldwide community. They will look at the life of the prophet Muhammad and his teachings. The children will look at the daily life of a Muslim, the work of Muslim charities, Ibadah, Khalida/guardianship.



First Half Term Value

Our first value for this term is Justice. This will be developed through stories, talking about what Justice is and looking at pictures. We will also be having DEDZA in to do carry out an assembly.

Prayer space and entrance

In the prayer space there will be a set of balance scales for the children to put in a prayer about being fair to other people. In the entrance there will be a set of scales to represent justice and various fairtrade boxes/pictures of fairtrade goods, along with speech bubbles containing sayings that have/fair/justice in them.



Second Half Term Value

Our second value will be humility. This will be developed through looking at pictures, Bible readings, role-play and discussions. We will also be thinking about the life of famous scientists during science week and then Easter during the last week of term.

Prayer space and entrance

In the prayer space there will be some cut-out people templates, the children will be asked to decide if they are a proud or humble 'dude' or 'dudette', put their name on a cut-out and think about what God would say. In the entrance there will be 2 templates of 'boxers'. They will be named 'humble dude' and 'proud dude'. The children will be encouraged to put a ✓ on the person they think will win and a x on the person they think will not win.

Values at home

Please use these each half term and try to do some of the activities with your child to help them with their understanding of our values.



Justice

First Half Term Value

Some of the activities for this half term will include:

- † Talking about what justice means,
- † A word fit quiz,
- † Making new laws,
- † Fascinating facts.



humility

Second Half Term Value

Some of the activities for this half term will include:

- † Thinking about words of wisdom,
- † Crack the code quiz,
- † Finding out about Maundy money,
- † Making a picture for the challenge gallery.

Clergy/Visitors in collective worship



Catfield	Hickling	Sutton
		08.01.18 Mavis <i>Yellow star & rules</i>
15.01.18 Shaun <i>The prophet Isaiah</i>		15.01.18 Richard <i>The prophet Isaiah</i>
	24.01.18 Ian <i>Helping the blind</i>	22.01.18 Simon <i>Blind Bartimeaus</i>
	31.01.18 DEDZA <i>DEDZA assembly</i>	29.01.18 Shaun <i>Jonah & the whale</i>
	07.02.18 Ron <i>Jonah and the whale</i>	09.02.18 Richard/Mavis <i>Church assembly</i>
HALF TERM		
19.02.18 Shaun <i>Introduction</i>		19.02.18 Mavis <i>Introduction</i>
	28.02.18 Trisha <i>A soldier's faith</i>	26.02.18 Shaun <i>John 13;1-20</i>
		05.03.18 Simon <i>A soldier's faith</i>
	14.03.18 Ron <i>The story of Joseph</i>	12.03.18 Richard <i>Famous scientist</i>
19.03.18 Shaun <i>Daedalus & Icarus</i>	21.03.18 Ian <i>Easter</i>	19.03.18 Jeanette <i>Humility; to accept advice</i>
26.03.18 Deborah <i>Easter Service</i>		28.03.18 Simon/Mavis <i>Easter Service at church</i>

Join us for collective worship



Catfield	Hickling	Sutton
Every Monday 9.00-9.20	Every Monday 9.00-9.20	Every Monday 9.00-9.20
Every Friday at 9am	Every Friday 2.30-3.00	Every Friday at 9am