

Faith Council meeting-February 2024

Minutes

The children were split into 3 groups with one year 6, year 5, year 4 and year 3 child. We discussed different themes for Prayer and Liturgies. The purpose is to invite year 2 classes over to participate in a pupil planned prayer service led by our Faith Council.

The three themes that were decided upon were: Forgiveness, Peace and Love.

Each group located the Bible references and narratives independently, they discussed how they wanted the children to process into the Prayer space, various hymns, and traditional prayers and created some Bidding prayers. The children also made up some creative "Go Forths" such as a hanging love heart to go outside of a tree of love, paper chains to show how forgiveness can grow and using quiet reflection time with Holy Water as a means of developing a prayerful conversation with God.

Hymns selected by the group are: Let there be love Shared among us

Peace Perfect Peace

Freely Freely

If you come and Follow me if I but call your name.

The Faith Council would like these hymns to be practised with the whole school in preparation for the Liturgies.

Alice (5R) explained how she uses the Liturgical Calendar in her class to check if the correct coloured cloth is used, to see the theme of the week for instance Mental Health Week, and will then write a prayer in the class prayer book linked to this. All the Faith Councillors agreed that this was a wonderful idea.

I suggested to them that they may like to practise their liturgies with the year 3 classes after half term so that they feel more ready to deliver it to the Infant children. They all agreed this was a good idea.

Next steps:-Faith Council would like to do an audit of resources-battery operated candles in particular-does every class have one? Do we need batteries and can some be shared out?

Faith Council to have a copy of the key liturgical events of the year and use this to ensure that Prayer areas have the correct liturgical cloth.

Faith Council will partake in a learning walk of aspects of RE across the school and continue to evaluate whole school assemblies.

Mrs York to email the Infants to arrange a time suitable for Faith Councillors to lead their liturgies.