



A journey of learning in the light of God's love

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed - Mark 4:30-32

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins' **Birth of Jesus - Mathew 1:18-23**

During this half term, the children have been learning about why Christmas is so special to Christians. They have recognised that Jesus was special and was born in Bethlehem. We have been focusing on the story of Jesus's Birth; we have listened to the story and explored it in different ways.

Looking for signs of Christmas

We began this unit by going on a trail to look for signs of Christmas. We then sorted what we had found and discuss which parts would be important to Christians and why.



Advent

The children prepared for advent by learning about the advent wreath and what the candles represent, using a traditional advent calendar to tell the nativity story and understanding the role of an advent candle.



Understanding the Nativity

The children used role play to understand the importance of the Christmas story for Christians. Their learning continued at break times with the travelling nativity being set up and told. Additional learning took place at home with the Nativity story being retold and written.



We make a paper chain to show what we and Christians are thankful for at Christmas.



We used our senses to touch and smell the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.