



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."

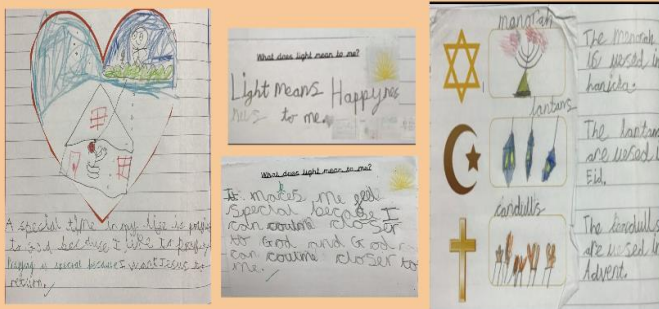
The parable of the Mustard seed - Mark 4:30-32

How and why do we celebrate sacred and special times?

During this half term the children have been learning about different sacred times that are celebrated in different religions. We have been making links with what is special to us and what might be special or sacred to others too. We have explored the celebrations of Pentecost, advent, Christmas, Eid and Hannukah to evaluate whether everyone always celebrates the same special or sacred times.

The symbol of light always appeared in each celebration. From this we made links between all of the celebrations, thinking about the similarities and what the symbols of light meant to us individually.

What's special to me?



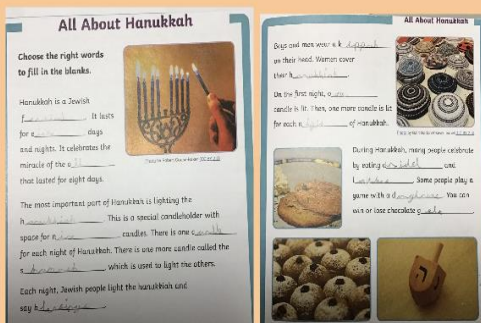
We have been considering how everyone's special and sacred times are unique to them and not everyone celebrates the same times. We began our unit in RE by thinking about what is a special time for us and thought about the difference between the words 'sacred' and 'special'.

Christianity



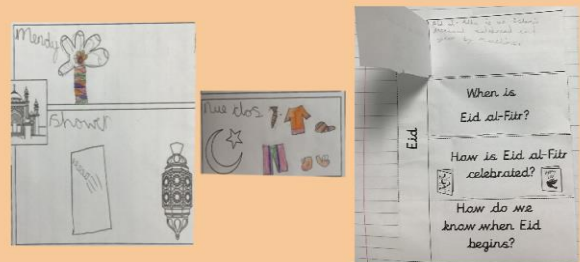
When exploring the sacred time of Pentecost, we thought about why many Christians celebrate this special time. We role played the story of Pentecost, considering the importance of the Holy Spirit. We noticed the symbol of light was fire in this celebration.

Judaism



We have explored the Jewish festival of Hannukah. We considered why Hannukah lasts for 8 days and the importance the Menorah holds in Judaism. We explored how Jewish children would celebrate Hannukah by playing the Dreidel game.

Islam



We have explored the Islamic festival of Eid. We considered why Muslims celebrate this sacred time and how they celebrate it. We identified lots of different ways Muslims celebrate Eid. We also valued that Eid was a time to give to charity and share a lovely meal with family.