



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

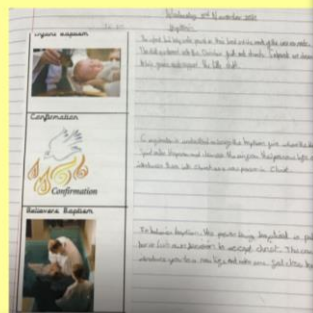
"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch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

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

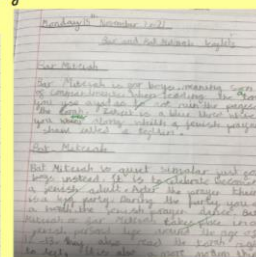
Why do people think that life is a journey?

During this half term the children have been learning about the journey of life. We have reflected on our own journey so far and what we would like to happen next in our lives and our goals for the future. We discussed the symbol of water and how it can be used to give people a fresh start. Next, we studied different religious ceremonies for important milestones in people's lives. We compared these and discussed why they are important in different religions. We also found time to reflect on both Remembrance day and Christmas and wrote prayers.

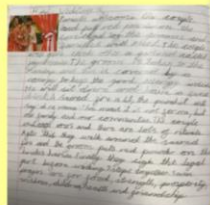
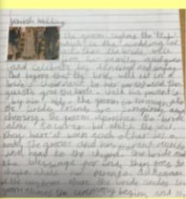
We discussed the importance of a Baptism and Confirmation for some Christians. We discussed the ceremonies and how a new Christian would be welcomed into the Christian community after these. We also discussed the importance of water in these Christian ceremonies.



We studied the Jewish ceremonies of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. We discussed the importance of these ceremonies and how a child becomes an adult in the Jewish community. We enjoyed seeing videos of these ceremonies and agreed that they were important in the Jewish community.



We discussed the Hindu cycle of life and beliefs about good and bad Karma. We then studied the Sacred Thread ceremony and compared this to Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Finally, we watched videos of Hindu, Christian and Jewish wedding ceremonies. We discussed the traditions of these ceremonies and why people choose to get married. We compared these in our books and acted them out.



This term we spent some time reflecting on Remembrance and Christmas. We wrote some prayers and displayed these in class. We have enjoyed sharing these together.

