



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 is Easter special for Christians?

During this half term, the children have been learning all about why Easter is such an important celebration for Christians. The children have learnt that Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday and came back to life on Easter Sunday. They also learnt about Holy Week, the week leading up to this event. They found it very interesting to explore how other countries around the world celebrate Easter and the different traditions that people have.

What happens in the Easter story?

The children listened to and discussed the Easter Story. On Good Friday, Jesus died on the cross and was placed in a tomb. On Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene went to visit Jesus in his tomb and discovered that he had come back to life. The children sequenced this story, carried out role play sessions on it and asked questions whilst exploring our class Easter garden.



What would we give up for lent?

The children explored the concept of Lent. We learnt that lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days and 40 nights. The children discussed what they could give up for lent. Some thought about giving up their favourite crisps, sweets or chocolate, whereas others considered giving up their favourite toy!



Which symbols represent Easter?

The children explored a variety of symbols that Christians associate with Holy Week and Easter. We learnt that palm branches are important as they were waved as Jesus entered Jerusalem, along with the cross being a very important symbol because this is where Jesus was crucified. Christians also believe that the cross symbolises God's sacrifice. The children had a go at making their very own palm branches which we put on our RE display. The children also decorated a cross using a collage effect.

