

***Turtle Class  
2023-2024***



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*Autumn 1*

# Our Wonderful World



Dotty and Truffles are special to me and to my school!

-Jordan

My sister, my mummy and her friend (Auntie) Annie are my favourites!

-Emily



Snowy is really special to me when I go to my bed.

-Lily



My Mummy, my Poppa, my Nonna, Elisa and Poppy Luna are all my favourites!

-Livi



***In Turtle Class, we discussed people, places and things that are special to us and compared this idea to how Christians believe that God thinks everyone is special.***

# Harvest Festival

*We visited our local church this week for the Harvest Festival.*

*We took part in the singing, the listening and thought about what we are thankful for.*



*Big, Red, Combine Harvester  
is my favourite song!*

*-Leah*



*Autumn 2*

# *Everybody's Got Gifts*



*We have focusing on our ishare learning theme 'Everybody's Got Gifts' and how we all have something to be thankful for.*

# Why is Christmas special to Christians?

*Mr Burrows came to talk to us about what Christmas means to Christians. He retold the story using a lovely book called 'A Very Noisy Christmas'.*



"Baby Jesus is a special King"  
Rose V

"We celebrate Christmas because baby Jesus was born"  
Dolly



# Wriggly Nativity

Reception retold the story of the very first Christmas.

We were so proud of their performance and especially the outstanding singing!



Can you feel the thrill, Glory, Glory, what a story no one's sitting still...

We read lots of different versions of the Nativity story and talked about what it means. We practiced our songs lots before we invited our parents to come and visit!



Sometimes you just can't sit still, it's a Wriggly Nativity!



We angels have  
come to tell the  
shepherds about  
Baby Jesus!

-Livi

Look at all the  
chickens in the  
stable tonight,  
dancing around  
in the straw!



# Why is Christmas special to Christians?



The children helped to set up our Reflective Area display and chose this knitted Nativity scene. They enjoyed interacting with it during provision time and also loved reading the Nativity books at snack time.



## *Christmas Service at Christ Church*

*We enjoyed walking to church with the help of Year 6.*

*We listened very carefully to the Nativity story retold by Year 1 and we loved all the singing.*





*Spring 1*

## *Why do Christians believe Jesus is special?*

Jesus is special to  
me too!  
-Victoria



Baby Henry is  
special like  
Baby Jesus.  
-Leah

Jesus is special to  
me, like my sister  
Kesiah is special to  
me and my family,  
and the baby! -Lydia

*We shared who is  
special to us in  
Turtle Class and  
discussed how  
Christians feel the  
same way about  
having Jesus in  
their lives.*



# Counting Our Blessings



Everything!  
-Alara

My Dad  
-Josh

My bed!  
-Jake

*Turtle Class loved 'Counting Their Blessings' this term, and made a beautiful display full of the things in their lives they are most grateful for.*



*Spring 2*

# What's so Special about Easter?



'We are preparing for Easter' -Esme

*The children listened to the Easter Story, with a focus on Palm Sunday. We spoke about how Jesus was made to feel welcome, and how we could welcome Jesus too. We got straight to work decorating some palm leaves for our classroom to commemorate this special day.*



'We are making palm leaves for Jesus' -Alara

*The children  
recreated Jesus'  
arrival in Jerusalem,  
welcoming and  
celebrating him  
together.*



'Harriett was pretending was to be Jesus and we were celebrating him'  
-Emily

'We were waving the leaves to welcome Jesus'  
-Jake

# Preparing for Easter

'We made a garden of Easter for Jesus, with the cross and the tomb' -Annie



'It's a bit sad isn't it, but it's ok, because he rose again' -Lydia

*The children worked carefully to create a prayer garden for Jesus, as we read about his final days. They had lots of great questions during this lesson and we focused on the resurrection.*

# Community at Easter

'We were eating bread with our friends like Jesus did'  
-Josh

'Rainbow Nursery made bread and we ate it together to celebrate Easter'  
-Leah

*As part of our Early Years Chums, we broke bread with Nursery to celebrate Easter and this important time that Jesus shared with his friends.*



# *Our Easter Service*

'The Year 5s told us  
about a lost sheep,  
and a lost coin, and  
a lost son.'

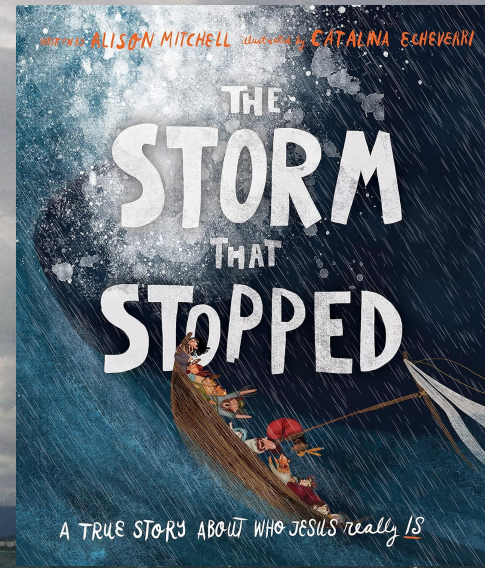
-Elliot



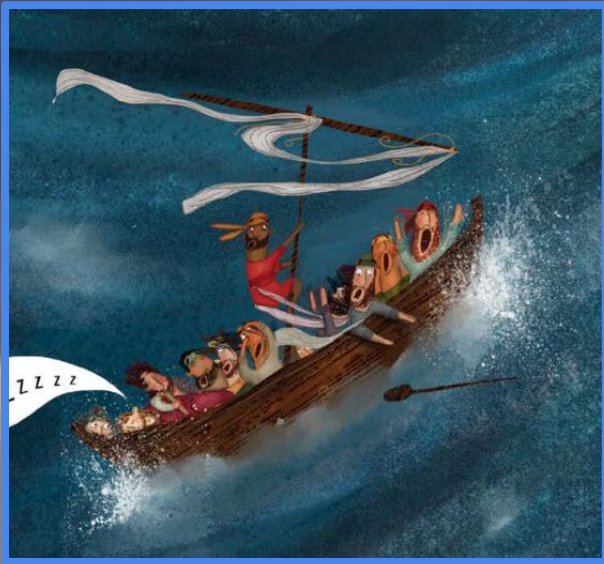
*We loved coming together to celebrate at our Easter Service. We listened carefully to the teachings and sang beautifully on this special day for our school community.*

# *Summer term 1*

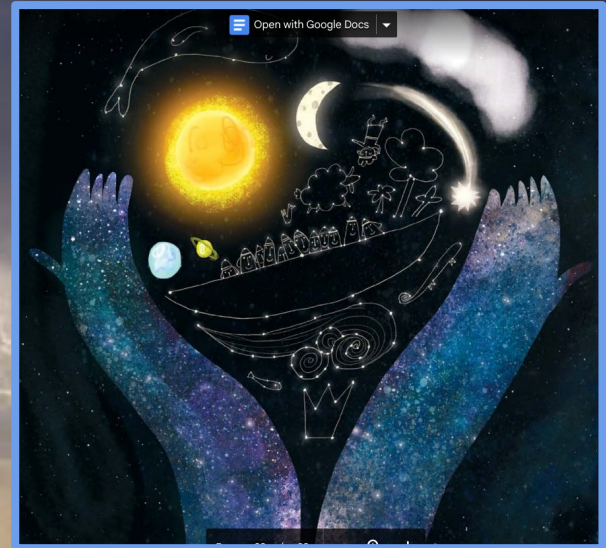




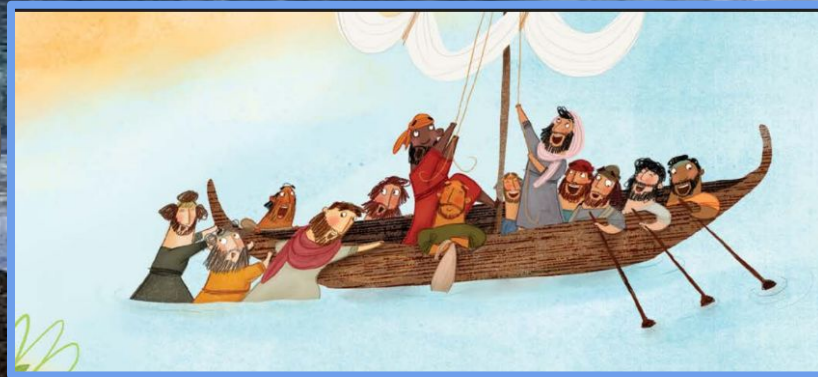
Barnaby came to read  
us the story of the  
'The Storm that  
Stopped'



The sea was  
being too noisy  
and then Jesus  
said stop and  
it did!  
-Roscoe



I knew there was  
a storm coming  
and I knew Jesus  
would stop it!  
-Lydia



I like when  
Barnaby reads  
Jesus' stories  
to us.  
-Leah

# Our Class Assembly

'Did you know  
some ladybirds  
have up to 20  
spots?' We thank  
you for all the  
ladybirds'  
-Leah



In our Class Assembly, we spoke about our topic, Minibeasts, and thanked God for all his creatures, big and small!

# *Summer term 2*



# *The Lost Sheep*

'It's about coming back, and it's like The Lost Coin! -Elliot

'It means God cares about lots of us not just one or two of us! -Emily



We read the parable of the Lost Sheep and had a class discussion. We discussed how God welcomes us back, even if we have strayed from him, and that he loves us.

# Worship Assemblies

'I was a kind  
shepherd  
like Jesus  
today!'  
-Jordan



We enjoyed our Worship Assemblies this term, learning all about Psalm 23. We learned Makaton sign language to accompany our hymn, The Lord is My Shepherd, and Jordan even got to join in during on of Stephen's Wednesday Worships!



Shepherds mind  
the sheep and  
Jesus minds us  
-Lydia



We made our own  
sheep to remember  
that we are part of  
god's family.

