

Easter Lent Trail

Every year, a group of Year 6 pupils teach pupils, from Reception class through to Year 6, about the Easter Story. Twelve pupils man six stations on our Lent Trail. This year our leaders were:

Hannah and Lucie	<i>Hopes and Dreams</i>
Georgia and Oliver	<i>Servant King</i>
Cameron and Jessica	<i>Remember Me</i>
Emily and Kate	<i>In the Garden of Gethsemane</i>
Bryn and Joshua	<i>Sharing our Sorrows</i>
Archie and Thomas	<i>Resurrection</i>

Each class follows the Lent Trail and the Year 6 Leaders talk to them about the different parts of the story, encouraging the pupils to reflect upon what they have heard and to empathise with others.

The trail began with: *Hopes and Dreams*



People in Jesus' land were dreaming of a time when they would be free from the Roman soldiers who ruled their lives. They were hoping for a leader who would help them overthrow their enemies. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem people began to throw down their cloaks and palm leaves, their hearts were full of expectation.

The children were invited to draw a symbol or picture of their dream or hope for the future.

The second station was: *Servant King*

Jesus lived in a hot and arid land. Most people travelled from place to place on foot. It was the custom to welcome visitors by washing their feet in cool, clean water. The disciples were surprised when Jesus washed their feet.

The children were invited to say a silent prayer that God will help them serve others in a special way.



The children then moved on to: **Remember Me**



On the night before Jesus died, he had supper with his friends. He took some bread, thanking God for it. As he broke the bread Jesus gave a piece to each of his disciples in turn, saying, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me'.

The children were offered a piece of bread and asked to think of something they remembered about Jesus.

The fourth station was: **In the Garden of Gethsemane**

Jesus knew that soon the soldiers would come to arrest him and he would be sentenced to death. He went to a garden, called Gethsemane, with his friends and asked them to keep watch for him while he prayed to God to help him. But, his friends were tired and fell asleep. Jesus felt very alone but even so, he trusted himself to God's care.

The children were asked to draw a shape, figure or object that reminded them of a time when they were lonely or afraid.



The children then moved on to: **Sharing our Sorrows**



Soldiers led Jesus outside the walls of Jerusalem to Golgotha. A crown of thorns had been placed upon his head. They nailed him to the cross and fastened a notice to it that read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews'. The soldiers threw a dice to see who would have Jesus' robe. They gave Jesus a sponge soaked in vinegar to quench his thirst. At 3 o'clock that day Jesus died.

The children were asked to name a person they would like to pray for and the leaders led a prayer for those people named.

The final station was: ***Resurrection***

After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and two other women set out at dawn to visit the tomb where Jesus had been laid. As they reached the entrance, they were startled by the dazzling figure of an angel, who said, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.'

The children were asked to suggest words to describe how the women may have felt when they heard the angel's news.

Some of the children's responses were: amazed; excited; joyful; terrified; freaked out; puzzled; happy; shocked; confused; over the moon!

Well done to all our Year 6 leaders, who were marvellous at explaining the Easter Story to the rest of the school.

