



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week despite the unpredictable weather!

This week the children in years 2-6 have been completing end of term assessments in English and maths. We are very proud of the effort and resilience the children have demonstrated and are looking forward to our forthcoming parents' evening sessions on 22nd and 23rd March so your child's teacher can provide you with feedback regarding your child's progress to date and next steps for the remainder of the school year.

Staff across all schools in the Trust met on Thursday afternoon at Peareswood Primary School for a writing moderation session in which we looked at books across year groups to ensure our expectations and judgements are consistent. It was a really valuable session with good practice being shared by colleagues and also some important 'take aways' to feed into future writing planning.

Next week, there are a further two days of industrial action planned by members of the NEU union. Following a further risk assessment, the school is likely to be closed on both Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. A letter will be sent confirming the decision either way.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see the numbers grow this week in our Breakfast Club. Please be reminded that a free breakfast of a bagel or cereal will be served every day from 8:25am- 8:38am in the school hall. Children are then accompanied to classes ready for the start of the day.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the Willow Bank Team



EYFS

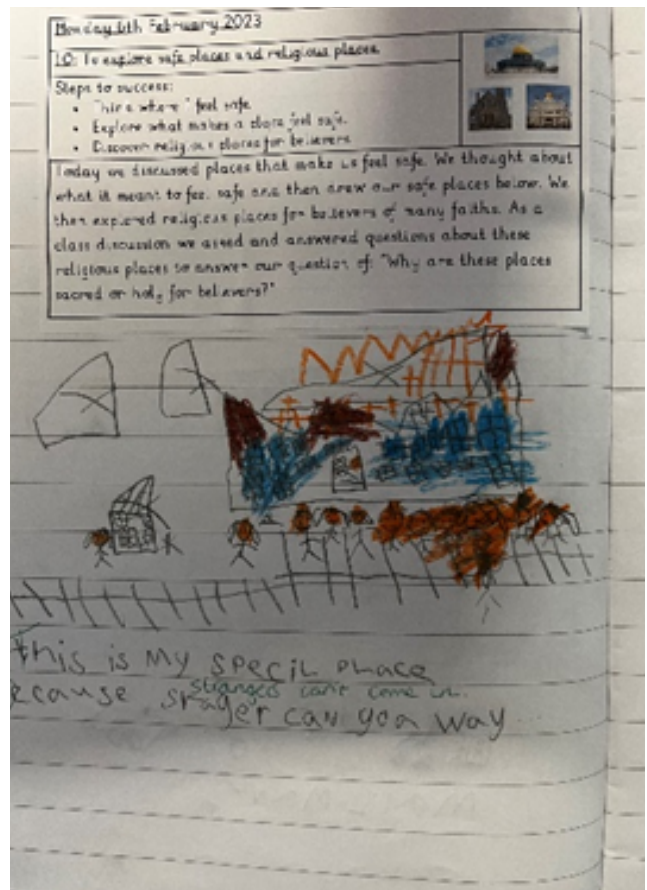
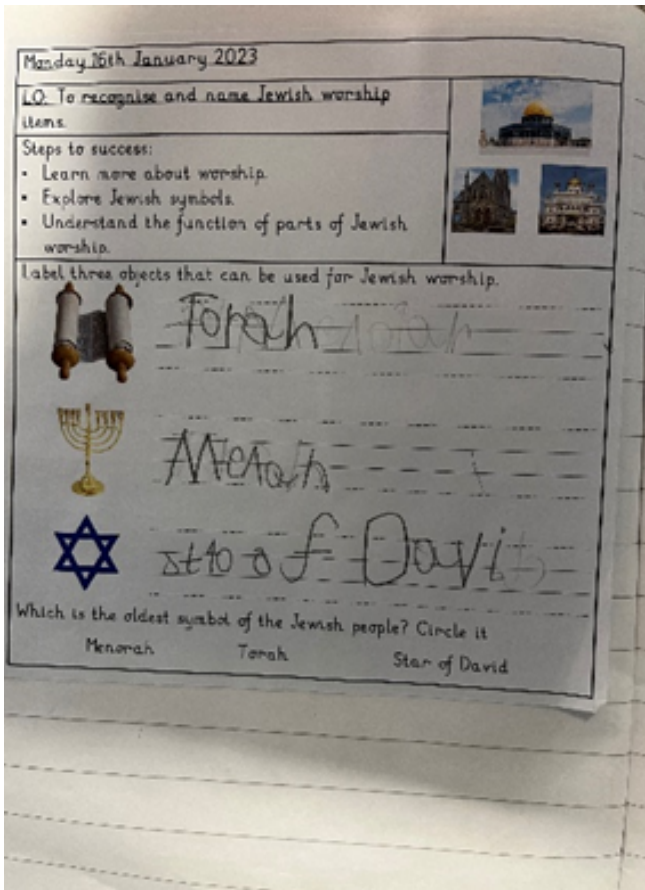
This half term in EYFS we have been exploring our core values. Below is an example of how we can show respect in our classroom and around the school.





Year 1

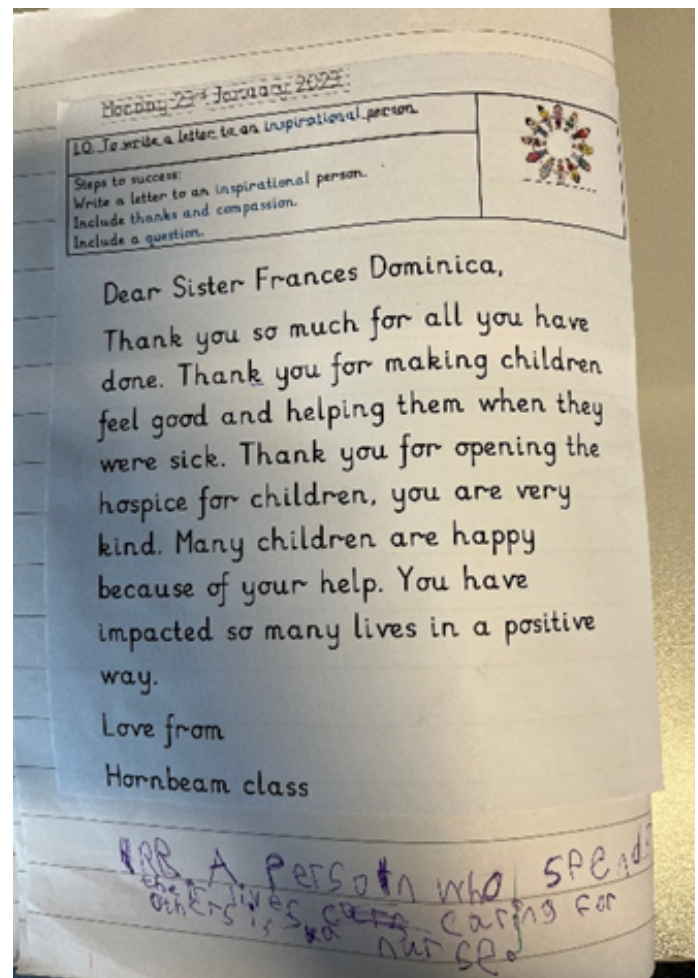
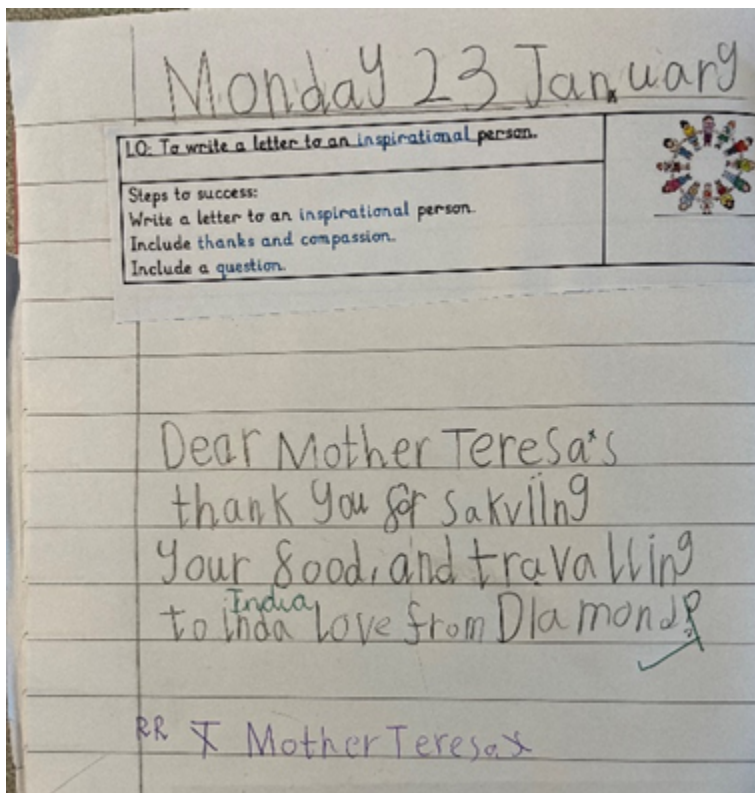
Our RE question this half term has been - What makes some places sacred? We have been learning about how different religions have sacred places and what makes a place feel safe and special to us.





Year 2

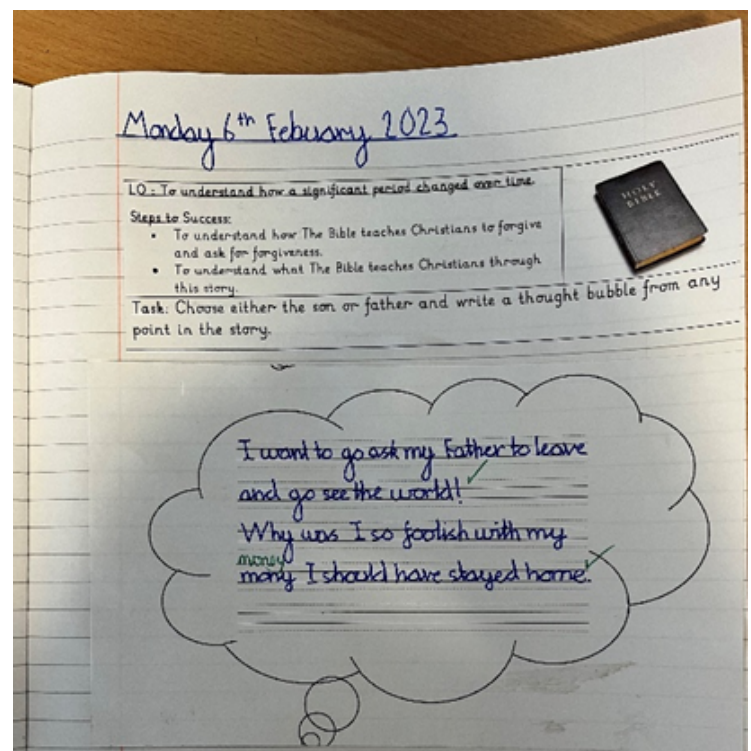
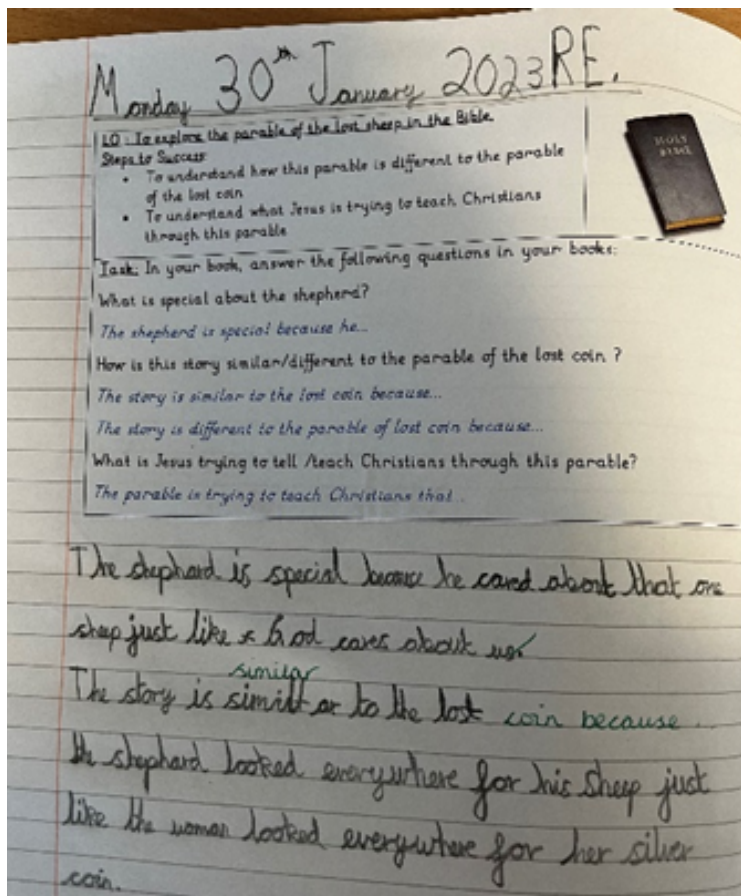
In RE we have been continuing to look at the question - How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter? We have been learning about inspirational people that have cared for others and wrote letters to Mother Theresa and Sister Frances Dominica thanking them for their work.





Year 3

This half term in RE we have been thinking about the question – Why is the Bible important for Christians today? We have been learning about different stories from the Bible and what these stories teach Christians.





Year 4


In RE this half term our learning has been based on the question – why is Jesus inspiring to some people? We have been learning about Jesus through different stories particularly Good Friday and the resurrection.

Monday 30th January 2023

LO: To know the significance of Good Friday for Christians

Steps to success:

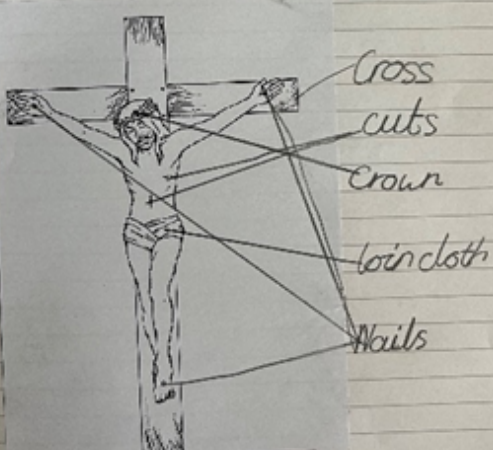
- Identify parts of the cross
- Suggest what Jesus felt when on the cross
- Imagine what Jesus was thinking on the cross



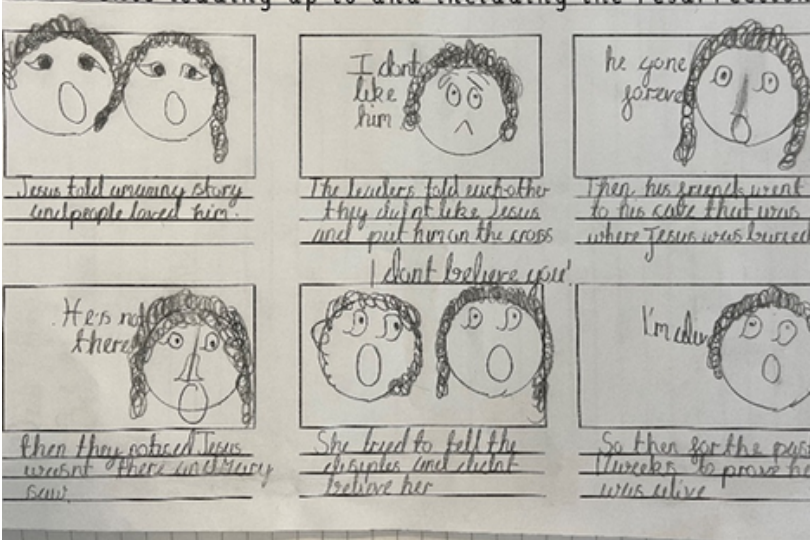
1. Label the parts of the cross

Cross, nails, crown of thorns, cut, loin cloth

2. Write a reflection paragraph on what Good Friday is



The events leading up to and including the resurrection



Jesus told amazing story and people loved him.

The leaders told each other they didn't like Jesus and put him on the cross

Then his friends went to his grave that was where Jesus was buried

I don't like him

I don't believe you!

He's not there!

When they noticed Jesus wasn't there and Mary saw.

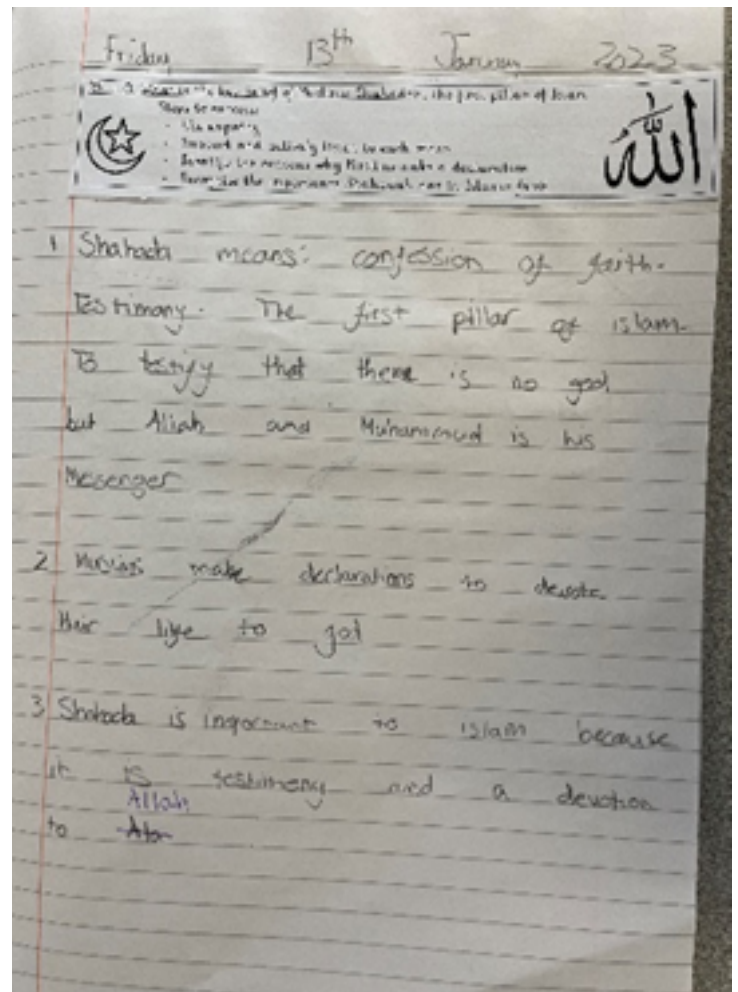
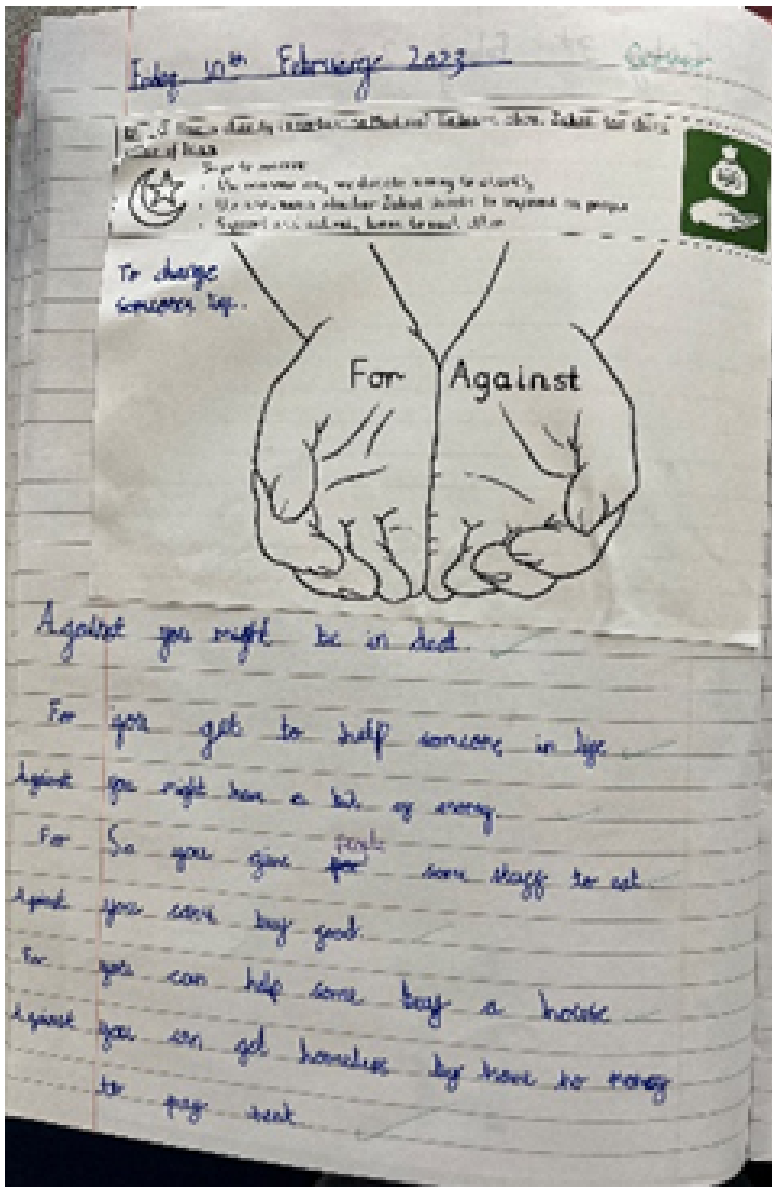
She tried to tell the disciples and didn't believe her

So then for the past 4 weeks to prove he was alive



Year 5

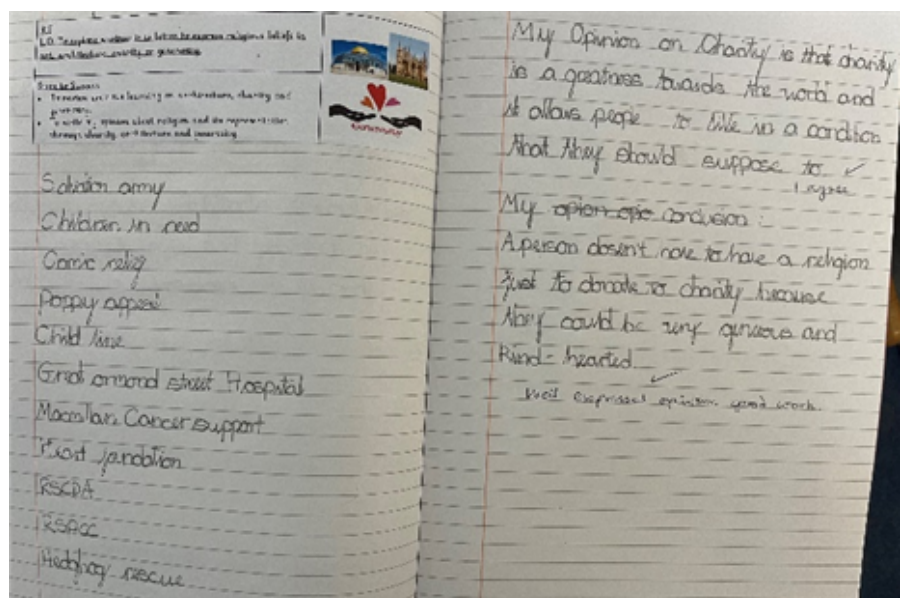
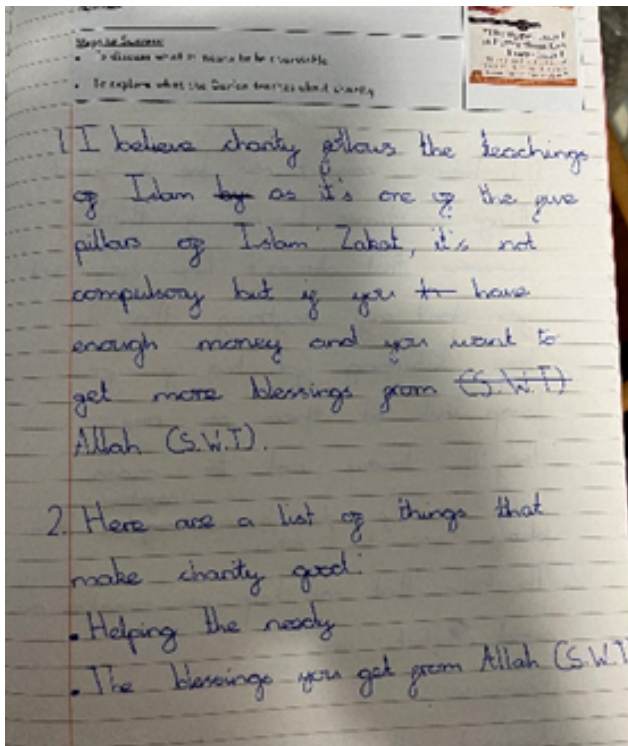
Our RE question this half term has been - what does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? We have been learning about the pillars of Islam and how they help Muslims through the journey of life.





Year 6

In RE this half term, we have been focusing on the question - Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity? We have discussed what it means to be charitable and wrote opinions about religion and its representation through charity, architecture and generosity.





INCLUSION AT WILLOW BANK

Lunchtime Nurture Club is still going strong! Although we encourage our children to get some fresh air and enjoy being active, some of our children really benefit from having a calm and quiet place to relax.

The children take part in lots of arts and crafts activities that are usually themed such as making mothers day cards and soon they will have some Easter crafts.

We asked the children what they liked about club...

Sometimes Willow comes and we get to stroke her



I like spending time with Miss White

I like it because I can relax and read a book or just chill out with friends

We get to colour in pictures and make cards for people who are special to us

We get to play with the Lego and build different things together





OUR CORE VALUE FOR SPRING 2 -

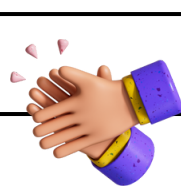
RESILIENCE



Remember you are good enough
 Everyone is different
 Stop comparing yourself
 Individuality rocks 
 Learn something new daily
 Involve yourself in what you love doing
 Enjoy things that make you happy
 Not everyone can be 1st, 2nd, or 3rd
 Care about yourself and others
 Expect that some days won't be great

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Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia -90%	Yew - 88.1%
Hornbeam - 91.4%	 Mulberry 96.3%
Alder -89.5 %	Redwood - 92.3%
 Laburnum - 97.3%	Almond - 93.5%
Hazel - 89.2%	Walnut - 95.8%
Larch - 88.8%	Sycamore - 86.9%



Well Done

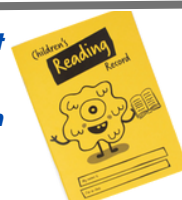
THINK OF THE WEEK

Which is heavier, a deflated or inflated balloon?



Don't forget that your child should be reading with you every day at home and sign in the diary when you have done so. It is helpful to write which page they have read up to and maybe even a short comment on how well they did with reading/answering questions. Adults will be checking reading records everyday.

EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am



All parents and carers welcome!



We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 classrooms and listen to our children read. If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.



How does a healthy breakfast make you feel ?



In a good mood?



Able to concentrate?



Alert?

Full of energy

Focused?



Eating a healthy breakfast makes a difference

join us for a free breakfast from 8:25am every morning



HAVE YOU GOT A CHILD BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2 AND 4?

WE HAVE FREE SPACES AVAILABLE

15 HOUR AND 30 HOUR SPACES AVAILABLE

SESSION TIMES

ALL DAY 8:45AM- 3:45PM

MORNING 08:45AM - 11:45AM AFTERNOON 12:45PM- 3:45PM

Toddleswood Pre-School provides all day and sessional day-care to children aged 2 years to 4 years old. We provide a chance for all children to play and learn in a safe and stimulating environment. Following the EYFS framework, children get the best start to their education and gain skills to ensure they are school ready. We work closely with WillowBank Primary school as we are based within the school's grounds.