

# Urchfont C of E Primary School

SIAMS 2014

# Collective Worship is the building blocks of each day.

- We ensure that collective worship takes many different forms. It is led by Members of the church community, Rector, children and all staff.
- Each assembly is opened by the lighting of a candle and saying of a prayer. It is closed by the extinguishing of the candle.
- Children regularly share their work with children and parents in celebration assemblies.
- Class assemblies give children a chance to ask and discuss their own beliefs in a more personal setting.



# Open the Book

- We have a fantastic group from the local church community that come every week to share a story from the Bible. There is always an opportunity for children to participate in the telling of the story.



Open the book, open the book, we enjoy  
taking a look,  
When your stories come to life, we enjoy  
listening to Jesus Christ,  
Long live the Lord, we never get bored.

A poem written by Izzy, Tessa and  
Charlotte about their experience.

# Marking the Christian calendar with meaningful experiences that develop their understanding of the Christian faith.

Each major Christian festival is celebrated annually with a church service.



## Easter Celebrations

This celebration is also marked by a our Easter service in the village church. All parents are invited to join us.



During Collective Worship the children learnt about lent and we embedded this learning by celebrating pancake day

- Our parent teacher association organise our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the grounds of the local Manor.





Christian Festivals mark the year of our school and are part of the RE learning.

## KS1 Nativity

- Children in FS and KS1 have the opportunity to participate in a Christmas production. This links to our learning in RE in class.



# Whole School Learning

Celebrating the work we do in class with displays in class and in the hall.



This Christmas we did a whole school topic about Light. Within RE we found out about the light festivals of different religions. This culminated in our Christingle service. We make Christingles with members of the local community who come into school. Our Christingle service is held in the local church. We raised over £200 for the Children's Society.

# Harvest and the Devizes food bank



“I’m sure someone will have a big smile on their face when they open this.” Sienna

- Each year we take food to the church as part of our Harvest Festival. Children from the School Council went to the food bank to find out where our food went and then shared what they had learnt as part of an assembly.
- It is vitally important that children understand what they are doing and why. This makes these celebrations meaningful.

# Supporting our children in their Christian lives.

- During the Harvest Festival in church all children in year 3 are given a Bible to use at their time in Urchfont. This is used regularly in RE lessons so children become familiar with it and understand its importance to Christians.
- They are then presented with these Bibles at the year 6 leaver's service to take with them as they leave the school to enable them to continue their journey as Christians.



# Areas of Reflection

- Christian values impact on all learners and enable them to flourish as individuals.



Areas of reflection give children an opportunity to ask questions and develop their own thinking. Everyone's questions are all valued and given time to be answered in class assemblies.

Diaries of Reflection are being introduced within KS2 to give children another opportunity to develop their own beliefs.



# Parents are an integral and valued part of their children's learning.

We encourage parents to come and share in the children's learning both at home and at school. We invite all parents into our class celebration assemblies and to stay at the end for children to show their work to their parents. It gives our school community a sense of shared experience where all are involved and valued.

## Star gazing wonderment

- A lovely evening that enabled parents and children to work together finding out about stars and planets. It was great to have an evening of shared learning.

Lanterns made with children and parents for the Devizes Christmas lantern parade. This is a large community event that we loved being involved in.



# Supporting each other

Shared reading



Lunchtime table  
of the week



Playground Friends

Throughout the school children are encouraged to support each other. Older children look after the younger ones giving them help and support at playtimes and at the lunch table. Each week older children read to the younger ones. We nurture a caring environment for our children and they in turn are able to nurture others. We believe we are all part of a family.



# Caring for others.



- In the last few years we have raised over £1000 to help the CMS Basic School in Juba. We have done this through a range of fundraising activities. The children have also had an opportunity to learn about Sudan. We have shared our learning with the local community by holding Community Tea Parties. These have also been successful in raising money for the Sudanese school we support.
- These links we have made through both the local community and a foreign community have given the children a sense of social responsibility. They have understood the importance of helping others and learning from other cultures. It was also lovely to watch children sharing their knowledge with others from their community.



# Caring about our environment and learning about our world.



## Gardening Day

- The whole school spent time in our garden getting it ready for the coming year. A National Trust representative worked with children to help dig in a new pond. All children had an opportunity to plant a seed for our raised beds.

The Eco Warriors helped organise a whole school event. All children participated in a variety of activities base on looking after our environment.

# Tree Planting

Working with children from a school in Trowbridge to plant Oak trees together.



The children are learning about their local woods and how to care for it. They are also gaining a sense of shared purpose. We hope to continue this bond with a visit to Trowbridge this year.

“We all enjoyed mixing into different groups and making new friends.” Polly





# Working with others

- We have worked with a local school on a shared topic. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to share and learn with children from another school.
- This link developed our cooperation and sharing skills.



# Multi-Cultural

Links are made between religions and their similarities in morals as well as the diversity both in this country and abroad.





# Making good choices

- The children's behaviour is on the whole exemplary. Whenever we take our children on trips the good behaviour is commented on by those we have visited. This behaviour is supported by our Golden Rules which encourage children to uphold a Christian ethos.
- Most children retain all of their Golden Time each week.



# RE learning FS/Y1

Learning the Xmas story



There are a wide variety of learning experiences offered to children to learn about religions and learning about themselves.

Easter Gardens



Retelling the Easter Story



Making their own church

# Y1/2 RE learning



Retelling the story of Moses.



Our RE was linked to our topic in on light but also gave children a better understanding of the Christingle service they participate in.



They have been thinking about themselves and how to become better people.



# Passover Year 3/4

- Years 3 and 4 learning about the Jewish celebration of Passover and how it links to the Christian festival of Easter. Year 3 and 4 take the lead in the Easter Service in church. The RE learning they do this term feeds into their understanding of Easter for Christians.





# RE in year 5/6

Learning about the work of  
Christian Aid week



How to make Wiltshire a  
more spiritual place to  
live?

“We would like to be  
treated respectfully  
because it make  
you feel like a nice person.”  
Ewan



# Experiencing different Christian places of worship.

## Urchfont Church



We are always welcome to visit our local church and learn about what makes this a special place.

## Salisbury Cathedral



Year 6 leavers service at Salisbury Cathedral.

## Wells Cathedral



As the children move through the school they are given opportunities to visit different places of worship.