

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ipswich

## `Living and Learning through Faith`







Year R

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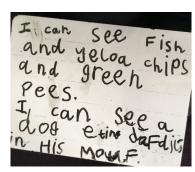
In RE, we have enjoyed learning all about Lent, from Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, which we learnt marks the start of the season, all the way through to Easter Sunday.

When learning about Holy Week, we re-enacted Jesus arriving in Jerusalem and being greeted with palm leaves, which we made in class, to the last supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. At the start of Lent we created a Lenten Promise Tree in our class and we all wrote a promise that we would try and keep during the season of Lent. We have been using our prayer pebble in our RE lessons as a way of reflecting and saying thank you to those who help and look after us.



In maths, this term we have been learning our numbers to 8. We have been subitising, counting, comparing, doubling and looking at the composition of an amount. We have also been comparing weight and length this term and continuing to learn our 2D and 3D shapes.

In Science, we have enjoyed learning about Spring and all the changes that occur as we enter this season. We have visited the pond to observe the changes that are happening and in our garden . We looked at frog spawn to support our learning on life cycles. We have also planted potatoes, carrots, beans and peas and we're hopeful for a successful summer crop!



We have finished learning all of our phase 2 and phase 3 sounds, alongside the tricky words. We are now spending our time revising these sounds in our phonics lessons, applying them to our writing and practicing structuring a simple sentence and checking it to make sure that it makes sense!

We have linked our art to our topics this term and produced some lovely pieces when we looked at our focus text, The Dark. During this topic we studied the artist Van Gogh, and looked at his famous painting 'Starry Night.' We recreated this in our own unique ways. More recently, we looked at the artist Claude Monet and his famous works on water lilies, we created artwork with this as our





In DT, we continue to use our developing problem solving skills to design, create and make with a wide range of materials. Recently we have been making windmills as we enjoyed learning about these when we spotted one in our focus text 'Little Red Hen.' We continue to make bread regularly in class we loved making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, mixing the ingredients and chopping the fruit to make a topping.

In PSHE, we focused on being kind and making the right choices. We have looked at the idea of consequences and what happens when we do or don't make the right choices. This term we have learnt about internet safety, this linked to our text 'Chicken Clicking.'

In PE, we continue to work on our gross motor skills, demonstrating strength, balance and coordination. We have also focused on team work, taking turns and playing cooperatively with one another.

We were lucky to have welcomed author Ellie Irving into our school recently. She was very creative and inspiring and we loved hearing her read her book 'Oh Armadillo.'



