

## **Weekly Highlights**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Collective Worship**

Our Junior Faith Leaders from 5L led our Monday collective worship. They helped us to consider how God's love is so great that forgiveness is always possible and how our school community works to support forgiveness. Thank you to these children.

### **Inside the Classrooms**

This week reception have seen the emergence of 3 of the butterflies from their cocoons, sparking much interest and wonder! They have helped to feed them with fresh fruit and observed them spread their wings and prepare to leave the safety of the butterfly habitat in the classroom. This afternoon, the children saw the butterflies being released into the sunshine.

Year 1 have been learning about plants and trees, naming different wild and garden plants, including evergreen and deciduous trees. We have started our investigation to see how tall a sunflower plant can grow over a six week period. The children planted their sunflower seeds and have continued to water their pots each day.

Year 2 have been planting sunflower seeds in science to support with instruction writing. In Maths they have been looking at 2D shapes, and vertical lines of symmetry. In R.E. they have looked at the importance of the Eucharist.

Year 3 are coming to the end of their handball lessons in PE and have been putting their skills in practise in a class handball tournament.

The children in Year 4 have been writing a biography about the naturalist and broadcaster David Attenborough. They have been learning about his life through BBC documentaries and research. Year 4 children have written some amazing poems based on the events in the Easter story and have also created some wonderful art work showing Judas's betrayal of Jesus.

Year 5 have been busy turning a diary extract from our class text (The Diary of an Edo Princess) into a play script. We have used lots of new grammar features such as colons and brackets. Once we have finished, we will act it out!

Year 6 have been working on using their knowledge of shapes and angles to find missing angles in maths and they have been busy writing play scripts based on a narrative adaptation of Hamlet in writing. They have explored parenthesis in the form of stage directions and have worked hard to ensure their dialogue moves the action forward.

### **Sporting Highlights**

This week has seen 3 teams in action; on Monday, the year 3 girls football team played against Hollin and despite losing they still walked away with the silver medals for second place; on Wednesday, the year 4 girls football team was in action at Hollin again, this time in a tournament, the girls showed great commitment and resilience placing 4th overall; on Thursday night, the year 5/6 volleyball team was in action in another tournament at Hollin, despite not playing before, the children gave it a good go and played with a true Parish 'never give up' attitude. Well done to everyone who took part this week and of course the parents, who by taking their children to these competitions, make these tournaments possible.