

Nursery adult-led activities for home learning Week 27 30-03-20 Theme: Holy Week and Easter

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed the extra time with your family over the last week, and have found the activities helpful and interesting for your child. This week will follow a similar format, as there are 5 adult-led activities here for you to do with your child. This week would have been the last week of school before the Easter holidays so we will do what we would have done at school- learn all about the Easter story. If you have a children's Bible you will find it helpful as a way of retelling the story of Easter with your child, but if not don't worry as I will include links to other ways of telling the story. We will tell a different part of the story every day and then look at the whole story at the end of the week, so please resist the temptation to read the Easter story to your child before next week. I am also including some fun printable Easter colouring, crafts and activities that you may wish to use this week or over the Easter break.

I will not be setting adult-led activities for the 2 weeks of the Easter holidays, but will resume again when we would have returned to school on 20th April.

There are fewer printable activities in the planning this week, and everything can easily be adapted if you don't have a printer. There are several videos and PowerPoints which will need to be viewed on a screen of some kind.

Please continue to spend as much time as you can reading stories to your child and talking about them- asking your child to suggest what might happen next and why, or to tell you about their favourite characters or what they would do in the same situation.

I hope you enjoy trying these activities. Please feel free to include other children in them if that makes it easier for your family. If there is anything you are finding difficult or you would like some advice about what to do please contact me, either via Tapestry or the new class email nursery@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk

Good luck!

Mrs Fiona Semple

Area of Learning	Activity	Comments
Communication and Language/ Understanding the World/ Literacy/ Expressive Arts and Design/ Physical Development	What do you know about Easter? Palm Sunday	<p>Before you begin any work on the Easter story, take a piece of blank paper and write 'What do we know about Easter?' in the middle. Then ask your child to tell you everything they know about Easter and write it down on the paper. Usually at this point the children tell me about chocolate eggs and the Easter bunny, and that's fine! Keep the paper somewhere safe as you will need it at the end of the week.</p> <p>Tell your child that you are going to teach them about why we celebrate Easter this week, and that it's an amazing story about Jesus. Ask them if they can remember anything about Jesus and see what they can tell you.</p> <p>Tell the story of Palm Sunday- if you don't have a Bible you can use this PowerPoint- 'What is Palm Sunday?'. When you have read the story to your child then help them to make their own palm leaf from a piece of paper- see 'How to make a palm leaf' - a good chance to practice cutting skills again!</p>
Communication and Language/ Literacy/ Understanding the World	Maundy Thursday- the story of the Last Supper	<p>Today we are going to look at the story of the Last Supper, when Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends and asked them to remember him- something we experience again every time we are able to go to Mass. Read the story from a children's Bible or watch this short BBC animation- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zgsb9j6</p> <p>Act out the story with your child and any siblings who want to take part to help your child remember the story- you could do this in pretend play with playdough to break and share, or at a snack time with bread and juice. If you use real food, please make sure that everyone has washed their hands thoroughly!</p>
Communication and Language/ Literacy/ Understanding the World/ Expressive Arts and Design	Good Friday- Jesus dies on the cross	<p>Today we come to Good Friday, the day when Jesus died on the cross for us all. Read the story from a children's Bible or use this PowerPoint- 'What is Good Friday?'. The children often find it very shocking that Jesus dies- they have heard lots of stories in school about Jesus and his kindness, love and amazing miracles, so they are often surprised by the story of Good Friday. Talk with your child about the cross- where do we see crosses? You may have some cross jewellery or a cross in your home; and the children make the sign of the cross every day when we pray together at school. Make a cross with your child- you could go outside and find sticks to use, tying them together with wool or string. You could use pipe cleaners if you have them, or cut crosses from playdough, or draw a cross shape for your child to decorate.</p>
Communication and Language/ Literacy/ Understanding the World	Easter Sunday- Jesus rises from the dead.	<p>Today we reach the great celebration of Easter, when the children learn about the Resurrection of Jesus- the reason we celebrate. Read the story from a children's Bible or watch this CBeebies video- https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-easterperformance. Imagine how Jesus's friends felt when they realised he had been raised back to life. They were so happy, and at Easter we celebrate this miracle too, and know that Jesus is alive now and always. Tell your child that at Easter we can celebrate by saying and singing the special word that we don't use in Lent (Alleluia). Can your child tell you what that word is? At Easter we celebrate new life in Jesus, and that's why we eat eggs, as new life comes from eggs, and the empty eggshells are like the empty tomb of Jesus. CBeebies has 2 other lovely videos about preparations for Easter and Easter traditions- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qVW9IjhIU and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StIJgYF-Ki8 Talk with your child about the signs of new life we see around us in Spring.</p>

Communication and Language/ Literacy/ Understanding the World	The Easter Story	Find the piece of paper you used on Monday to write down what your child knew about Easter. Now, in a different coloured pen if you have one, ask them what they know now, and see what they remember about the Easter story. When you have done this, please photograph these mind maps and upload them to Tapestry so I can see them too! If you have printing facilities, print out the pages of the Easter Story Book, and ask your child to retell the story for you and scribe down what they say on each page, creating their own Easter book. If you can't print, have a look at the pages to get the idea and then fold or staple paper to make a little book for your child. Write 'My Easter Story Book' on the front cover and then a title on each page- Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday. Scribe down what your child says as they retell the story and let them illustrate it if they wish. Watch the BBC Easter Story video together- https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks1-the-christian-story-of-easter/zhgv47h
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Palm Sunday this year falls on Sunday 5th April, Maundy Thursday on the 9th April, Good Friday on the 10th and Easter Sunday on the 12th. On those days please remind your child of the Easter story and what happened on each of those days. If you would like a project for the week after Easter, consider making your own Easter garden. There are lots of lovely images and videos giving ideas for how to do this on the internet, and it could be a lovely project for the whole family to get involved in together, or each child in the family could make their own. If you choose to do this, please send me some photos!

Happy Easter everyone- I hope that you all keep safe and well.