



# 'Living and Learning through Faith'

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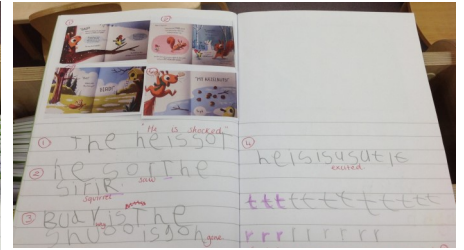
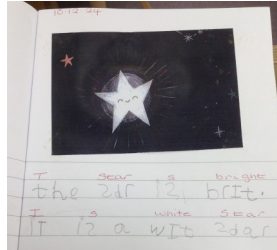
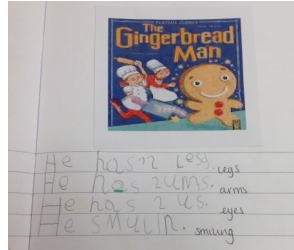
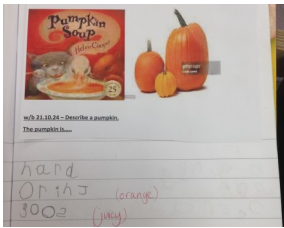


Year R



In RE we have enjoyed learning about the Creation Story and how God created everything. We thought about how God created each one of us and made us all unique. We enjoyed sharing our first Liturgy with Mrs Berry and Father Jude. In the run up to Christmas we have been learning about the first Christmas. We have been very busy practising our Nativity and hope you loved it!

We have been learning to play and learn collaboratively and have all been working hard on our communication and language skills this term. Everyone is confident to join in with our class discussions and share their wonderful ideas, taking turns and listening to each other.



We have LOVED listening to a variety of books this term. Some of our favourites have been, Each Peach Pear Plum, The Squirrels who Squabbled, Pumpkin Soup, Celebrations around the World and The Gingerbread Man. From these stories we have looked at lots of different themes, such as friendship, traditional tales, community and seasons. We have also been using these books to help with our writing, which we have been working very hard on!

It is always a pleasure to welcome a new class to St Mary's! We have been very busy since September and have really settled into our school routines. We have been enjoying our weekly PSHE sessions, during which we have been focusing on our personal, social and emotional development. We have been thinking about our school rules and learning behaviours and the best way we can show these. We know all about how we can be a great friend and what it means to show kindness and respect to others.

We have been busy with our learning in phonics and know all our phase 2 sounds and irregular words. We are becoming more confident at segmenting and blending! We have been enjoying our maths learning and have been working on the composition of numbers up to 5.

We have been having lots of fun in our PE lessons practising different skills. In music we have been lucky enough to have some visits from Mrs MJ who has been teaching us and we have enjoyed playing different instruments.

We have been enjoying learning lots about the world around us. We have been exploring different celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas. We have been thinking about the different seasons. What a fabulous first term your children have had at St Mary's! We wish you all a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.