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| Week 1 Collective Worship Spring 2 WC 27.02.17 |  |
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| Clearing out or Spring Clean Proverbs 20:9Tell the children you are having a spring clean and you want everything clean and tidy. Ask some of them to dust and others to sweep. Ask them to pick up any litter they can see. In the Spring, people often have a spring clean. It is a chance to tidy everything up and throw away the rubbish that has been collected.Lent is about spring cleaning on the inside. It is easy to clean up the hall and make it look good but how do you clean up the inside of a person? How do you clean up thoughts and actions?Here is a bin and some paper. What sorts of things would Christians want to ‘put in the bin’? Just as we clear up rubbish and put it into a bin, so Christians try toclean out the rubbishy things in their lives during Lent. | During Lent Christians ask God to help them clean themselves on the inside, to get rid of wrong thoughts and actions. Lent is the time before Easter (forty days, not counting Sundays) when Christians think carefully about themselves. They think about the things that needchanging (cleaning) and they ask God’s help for they believe that they cannot clean up on the inside without God’s help. |
| ***What sort of things would we put in the bin? Pupil Comments***  (Children came up with a variety of suggestions) Telling liesFighting Being naughtyBreaking promisesBeing horrible to other peopleFalling out with friendsBeing sillyNasty words- Calling people names Stealing  | ***Reflection***Dear Lord Jesus,As we prepare for Lent, give us a pure heart and a will to follow you. AmenThank you, Father, for the time of Lent when people can think about themselves and ask your help to change. |
| Teacher Lead- Mrs Batey | Tuesday  |
| Shrove TuesdayShrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts. In this country we eat pancakes the day beforeLent. In some other countries, people have a big celebration on this day.The word ‘shrove’ comes from the word ‘shriven’ which means ‘to be forgiven’. On Shrove Tuesday, people went to church and admitted what they had done wrong, the things they were sorry for, and asked God to forgive them. Shrove Tuesday could be called ‘Sorry Tuesday’ or‘Forgiveness Tuesday’. Lent is a time when Christians think about Easter and they also think about themselves and the things which need changing.  | Just before Lent, people used to eat pancakes to use up all their rich food because during Lent rich food and celebrations were not allowed. Today, many Christians still give up something, such as chocolate, for Lent and donate the money they would have spent on it to charity.Saying sorry is not easy. It is hard to admit you were in the wrong. However, saying that you were wrong yesterday shows that you are a wiser person today.We also included a pancake flipping competition; both staff and children fully engaged with the competition.  |
| ***Questions and thoughts from the children***What have we said sorry for in the past?Hurting someone’s feelings.Not sharingPlay fighting which got out of control (Very honest response) Not listening (To parents, teachers, other children) Taking something that was not ours- not asking to borrow somethingBeing lateBreaking someone else’s toy/ belongingsDo we still maybe need to say sorry? Children admitted that, in the past, they may still not have said sorry but they acting sorry and showed regret so forgiveness was granted. Children reflected that it is not always easy to admit you were wrong.  | ***Prayer/ Words of thought***Thank you for the time of Lent, which is serious but also joyful as it looks forward to Easter and the day you rose again.Do we need to change anything in our lives?Children left assembly with the thought of one thing they may need to change in their life. |
| Teacher Lead- Assembly delivered by Melanie Beaven  | Wednesday  |
| Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent.We began by singing ‘Welcome Everybody’ (Fischy Music)After a short introduction about Lent, the story of ‘The Unforgiving Servant’ was read (Lion Storyteller Bible; cf Matthew 18) | Talk about forgivenessFinished with song ‘God loves you, and I love you’ Lent as a time of saying sorry, but also of forgiving others.A time to give something up (e.g. fighting, being nasty).It is not a time to be miserable, but an opportunity to learn more about God and about ourselves. It’s an opportunity to make changes.After the story, we talked about forgiveness and how important it is to ask for it, but also to grant it. However, it is important to remember that forgiveness cannot be forced and sometimes needs a lot of effort. |
| ***Questions and thoughts from the children*** We wondered about the story – what was your favourite bit?Some children were very fond of the king and liked the fact that he had forgiven, but also that he seemed just.It can be very difficult to forgive.It can be even harder to say ‘sorry’About five children wanted to give up chocolate for Lent!  | ***Prayer/ Words of thought*** Dear God, Help us to say ‘sorry’ more often, when we have done something wrong. Help us to forgive, when others have done something wrong to us. And thank you for always being there with us, when things get a bit difficult. Amen.The song ‘I love you…’ takes up this thought as no matter what happens, we are always beloved. |
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| Teacher Lead | Friday  |
| No ‘Time to Shine’ Assembly due to KS2 Residential  |  |
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