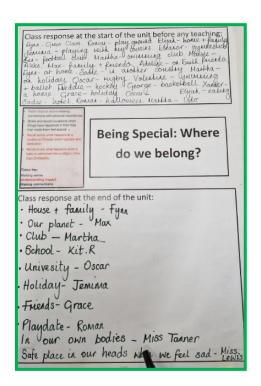
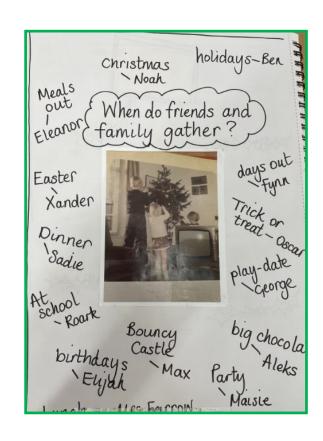
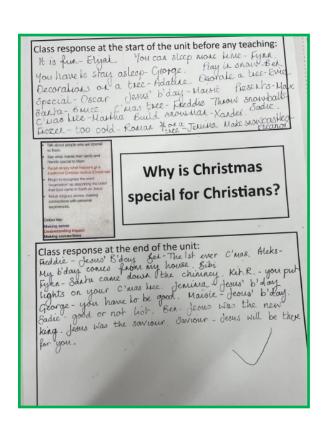
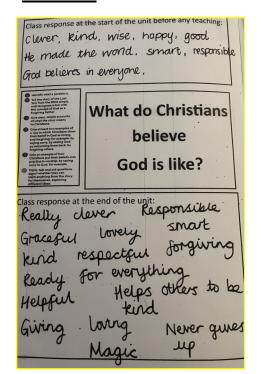
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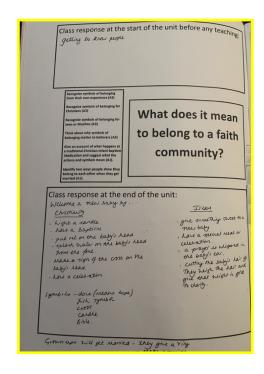




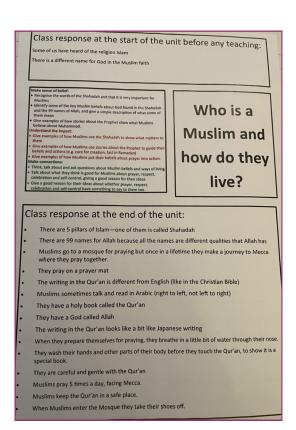
















Class response at the start of the unit before any teaching: It means they believe in Jesus. It means they believe in God. Jesus was born on Christmas.

Jesus was God's son.

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Jesus was born in a stable.

When Jesus was born animals gathered around and three emperors/kings came to visit.

The 3 Kings brought gifts of Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh.

Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians

Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from

Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.

Decide what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas time. Why does
Christmas matter
to Christians?

Class response at the end of the unit:

On Christmas day a special baby would be born.

 $\label{lem:christians} \textbf{Christians think about Jesus, God, giving gifts to others and helping the poor.}$

Christians believe that Jesus brings good News for the whole world.

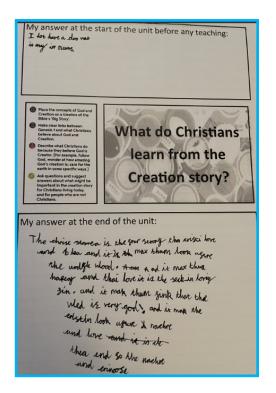
Incarnation means God in the flesh who sent Jesus to help others and live amongst all the people in the world.

We need to thank our God and Jesus and our families for giving gifts and spending time together.

In church Christians celebrate by lighting candles on the advent wreath on every Sunday starting at the end of November until Christmas Day.

The candles mean love, hope, joy, peace and the last one is for Jesus or Christ.

The wisemen give gifts because he is a special baby and the shepherd make us think about looking after the poor.



Questions and Answers with Reverend Sarah McDonald Haden from Emmanuel Church, who visited Year 3 to help discuss the Question: What do Christians learn from the Creation Story? Sarah: I don't take the Creation story literally but I see that it presents the principle that God made the world and that God liked the world. Also, God emphasised that human beings were given the job of stewarding the world. We need to look after it. I have lots of people in my church who are scientists – a lot of doctors, science teachers, physicists. Their faith helps them to think about how intricate and clever the world is. Francis Collins invented the human genome project – he's a committed Christian and he's inspired by his religion in his work. Sarah: Christians believe that God is beyond time – there's no time that has ever existed before God. Toby: Why is the Creation story important to Christians? Sarah: The main reason is that they believe God made the world and did it on purpose. We are not an accident. God made the word intentionally and on purpo David: If God created us, why are there people being bad? Why do people make bad choices? I think strongly that we don't believe in good people and bad people but there are people who make good choices and people who make bad choices. The idea of free will is important – God gives people choice to go into the world to make choices. That can be really hard. That means people do things we don't like. We also make bad choices. God making the world on purpose doesn't mean

that God likes everything that happens. God really cares about Creation Reuben: Why didn't God make two worlds? Sarah: Is there other life out there? The stories from Genesis talk about this Earth and tells Christians about God – that God is all powerful and can create everything out of nothing. It emphasises that people and this world are really important to God. It was written about 6,000 years ago, and people 6,000 years ago saw and explained the world in a very different way to the way we do today. We know a lot more now about science than the people who wrote the Bible.

I think God gives us lots of chances in regards to managing the world. Another side to that is human beings are making choices and have possibly made choices that are really serious. God making this world shows he can be really good but he also cares about really small things.

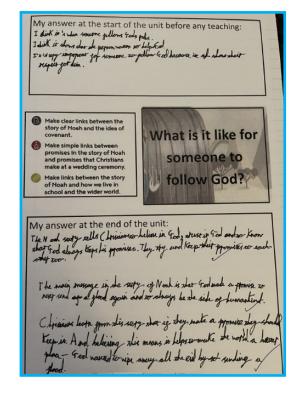
Question: How do Christians use the Creation story to help them act?

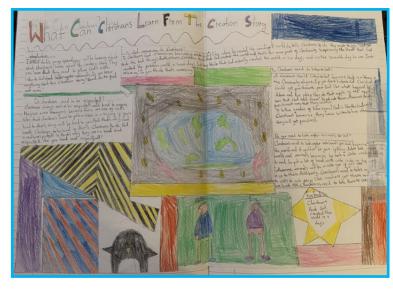
Sarah: In many ways. There are many Christians involved in charities that care for the environment, for instance. For instance, ARocha is a charity which works in Portugal and tracks swift migration patterns to see what impact climate change is having on our world. Lots of charities campaign.

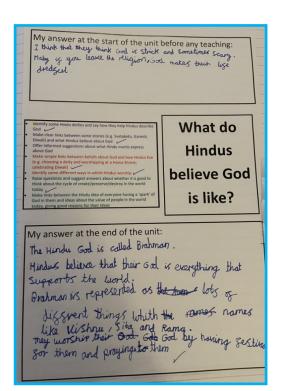
The Church of England wants to be Net zero by 2030. We have to come up with a new way of making it warm in the building – how can we make it sustainable.

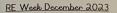
Question: Why did God give the world to humans?

Christians believe God loved people and wanted them to have a good, happy place to live. You want to give your children nice things because you love them. Parenting is a good analogy for God.





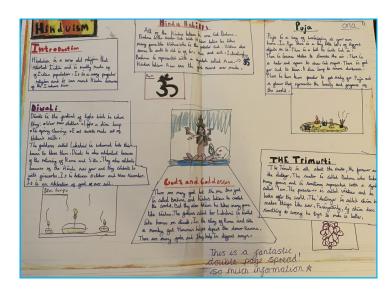


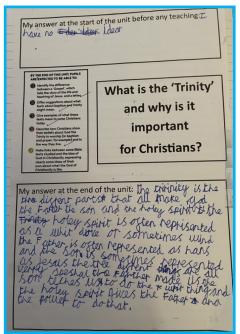


What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?.

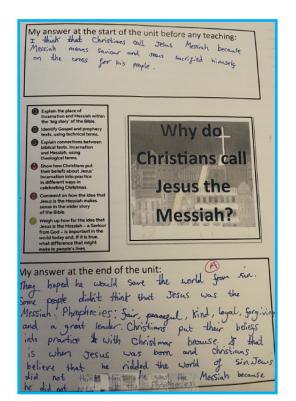
Things that we learnt following our visit to Emmanuel Church with Reverend Sarah on Wednesday 20th December 2023:

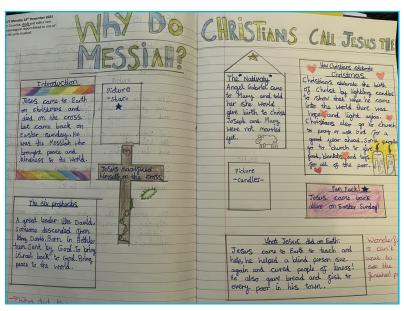
- The trinity can be described as like ice, water and steam
- The trinity is like 3 different windows, I building but 3 different views
- It is like an egg, 3 different parts: the shell, the yolk, the egg white
- We heard the story of when Father
 Christmas (St. Nicholas) punched someone because he felt the bishop was wrong about what he thought about the trinity (that it didn't exist!)
- When Jesus died, they all thought he was dead but that just shows how much he loves people and what he would do for people by sacrificing himself
- Sarah said Christians believes the Holy Trinity is like the C Major chard because the 3 notes all link together, you can't separate them.
- Christians believe that all 3 parts of the trinity are equal
- The holy spirit was left behind by Jesus when he went back to heaven, it helps Christians pray, understand the bible and feel closer to God
- Emmanuel means 'God is with us'
- It is seen as a mystery and no one knows why or all the answers
- Baptism the father, son and holy spirit is mentioned 3 times and water is poured over the head, or dunked in a pool many times.
- Water has a strong meaning because of Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist. It is seen as washing sins away.
- The children asked brilliant questions such as 'Can Jesus do anything, why is God called The Father, and will Jesus come back?

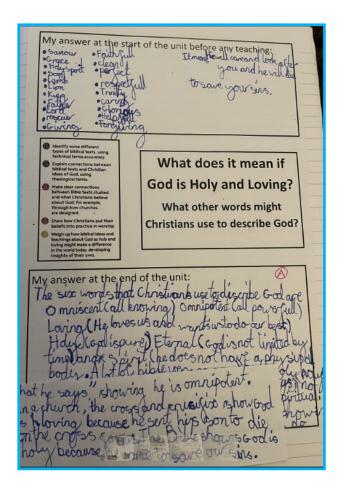


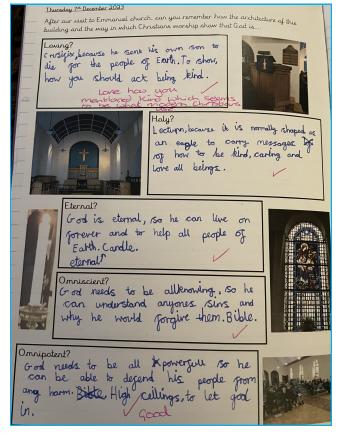


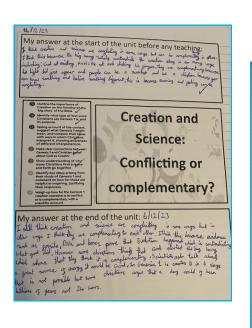


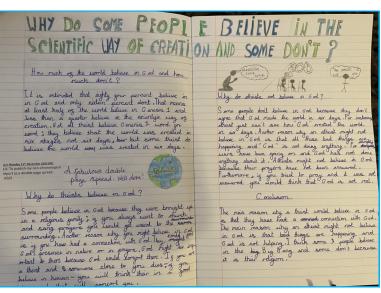


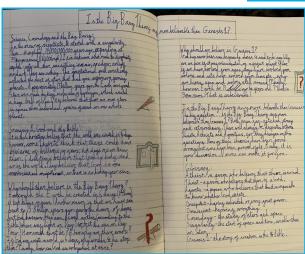


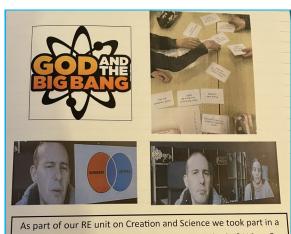












As part of our RE unit on Creation and Science we took part in a virtual workshop where the children explored Who? Where? When? Why and How? Questions about creation from a scientific point of view and then from the poem in Genesis. We also explored where cross overs between the two may be. These questions were then answered at the end by both Matt and Sarah.

