

# Prayer Space Report

## St Nicolas & St Marys Primary

19th—21st November 2019

This is a record of the Prayer Space which took place at *St Nicolas & St Marys Primary school* in *November 2019*.

The Prayer Space gave students the opportunity to explore faith and spirituality from a broadly Christian perspective in a safe, creative and interactive way. *Seven* prayer zones were created, each one designed to encourage students to stop for a moment and think about something they could talk to God about.

All class groups, from Nursery to Year 6, had the opportunity to visit the space during the week and have a go at some of the activities. Over 300 students visited the Space.



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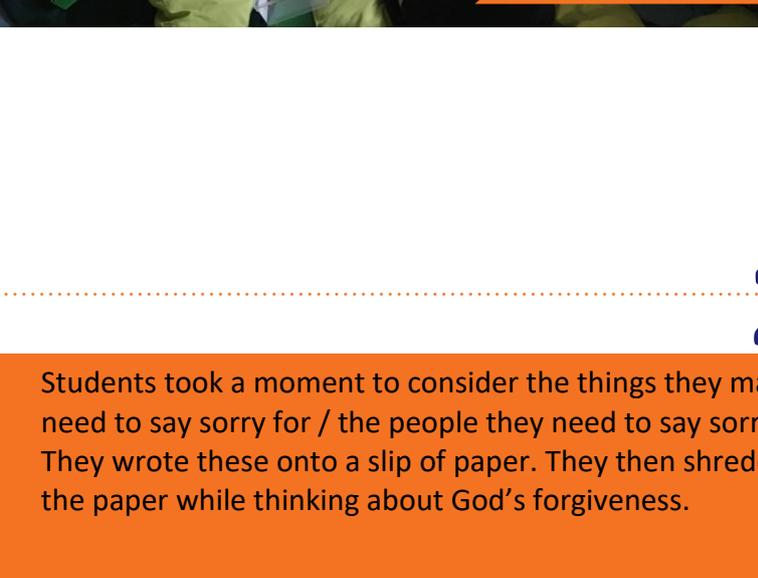
# The Prayer Zones



Thank You Tree

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Students were asked to think about the people they are thankful for. They drew around their hand onto green paper, cut it out and wrote / drew a prayer to thank God for these special people in their life. They then added their hand (leaf) to the Thank You Tree.



Sorry Shredder

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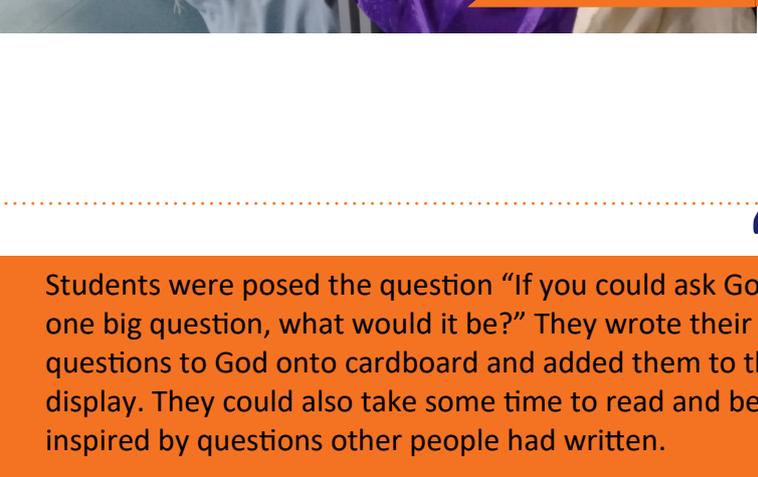
Students took a moment to consider the things they may need to say sorry for / the people they need to say sorry to. They wrote these onto a slip of paper. They then shredded the paper while thinking about God's forgiveness.



Feely Boxes

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Students were asked to put their hand into mystery boxes. Each box contained a different item and students were asked to describe what each item felt like to touch. Once done, they thought about the emotions they felt that day. They then wrote a note to God telling Him how they felt.



Big Questions

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Students were posed the question "If you could ask God one big question, what would it be?" They wrote their questions to God onto cardboard and added them to the display. They could also take some time to read and be inspired by questions other people had written.

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Students were asked to think about what it might feel like to not have a home and to consider the people here and all around the world who are homeless. They then made and decorated a simple origami house and wrote a prayer for people who have no home on the back of their house.

People Need A Home

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Using chalk pens, students could write or draw onto a pebble some of the negative things people do that harm the wonderful world we live in. They then washed their pebble clean in water as they asked God to help us to make our world a better place.

Our World

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This year in the Story Zone we looked at the story of 'The Good Samaritan' which can be found in the book of Luke 10:25-37. Students were invited to stop and listen to the Bible story, read by one of the team, and then consider how the story made them think and feel.

Story Zone

*"I really enjoyed the Prayer Space because it was calming to just sit back and just understand that you don't need to worry about everything because God will always be there for you."*

Yr6 Student

Quote

# Feedback



*"It was fun. It was so good. It was fantastic. I loved it so much."*

**Yr2 Student**

*"I liked it because it was calm, quiet and you get to be in peace. My favourite was the sorry shredder because you say sorry to God."*

**Yr5 Student**

*"I really enjoyed the prayer space because it was very calm and I like being calm. It helped me reflect on things even though I don't believe in God. Thank you for giving up your time for us to enjoy ourselves."*

**Yr5 Student**

*"I really enjoyed the prayer space because there was lots of things to do. I would love to do it again."*

**Yr5 Student**

*"My time in the prayer space is better every year. My favourite part was the story told with Lego. I'm sad I won't see it next year."*

**Yr6 Student**

