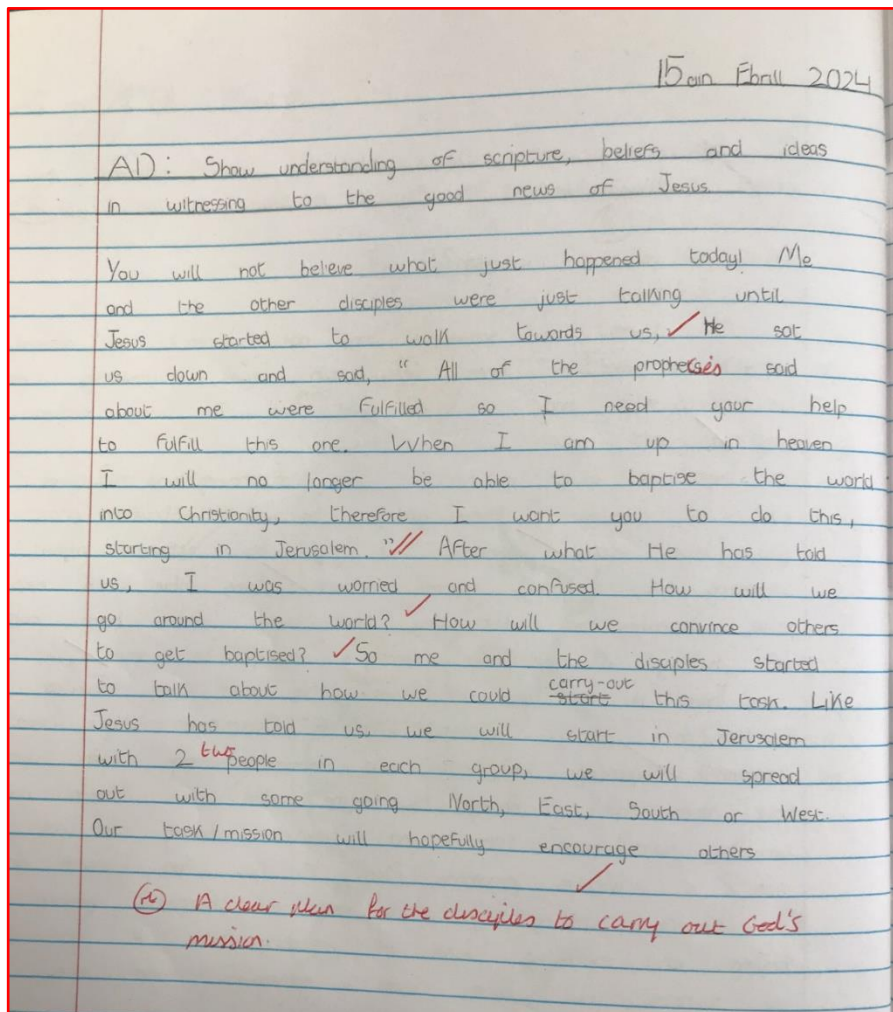


# Year 6 Summer Term RE

## Witnesses

We begun our topic by exploring what it meant to be a witness and whether it was a good or bad thing. We then turned our thoughts to the disciples and how they felt about witnessing to Christ. Jesus appeared to his disciples on a number of occasions after the Resurrection. He greeted them, shared food with them and then he sent them out to continue the message of the Good News. (Luke 24: 44-49, Matthew 28: 16-20)

We imagined we were present in Galilee and heard Jesus' message about going out to 'peoples everywhere'. In the light of what we heard, what would we do next? How would our actions begin to shape other people's lives?



We thought then about what happened in that upper room at Pentecost and used our IT skills to research what, how and why the Jewish people celebrate the festival of Pentecost or Shavuot today.

# Shavuot

## Why do Jewish people celebrate Shavuot?



### . Jewish people celebrate Shavuot because ...

According to Talmudic tradition, Shavuot is the day when the Ten Commandments were given on Mount Sinai. The "ten words" represent the very first moral law in human history, on which our understanding of ethical laws is based to this day.



### . What is Shavuot about?

Shavuot is a two-day holiday celebrated by Jewish people. The holiday has two purposes: it celebrates the harvesting of grain and God giving the Torah on Mount Sinai in Egypt after the Exodus.

The word Shavuot means "weeks." It celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between Passover and Shavuot.



### . What do the Jewish do in Shavuot?

At home, celebrants light holiday candles and refrain from working.

There is a custom of decorating the synagogue with flowers and plants to recall the holiday's agricultural origins.

### . What do Jews eat in Shavuot?

It is more common to have a dairy meal on the first evening of Shavuot and then serve meat the next day. Along with blintzes, bourekas and cheesecake (which is a widely popular Shavuot item)!

### . When is Shavuot celebrated?

Shavuot, the Jewish Feast of Weeks, is celebrated every year on the 6th of Sivan. That date is seven weeks after Passover – hence the name – and falls in May or June of the Gregorian calendar. The holiday lasts one day in Israel and two days in the Diaspora.



We learned about early Christians who were courageous and prepared to take risks to witness to their faith: Stephen the first Christian martyr and Lydia the seller of purple cloth who risked losing her reputation and business when she befriended Paul and Timothy and was prepared to openly witness to her faith.

We know that people witness to their faith today too. Mrs. Maricho is a modern missionary, who grew up in the capital city of the Philippines, Manila. She had a good job in the city, but she wasn't completely happy. She remembered that, as a young girl, she had been part of an organisation called Mission Together, and she remembered its motto of 'Children helping Children'. As an adult, she thought about this a lot and decided that she still wanted to help children. So, she gave up her job, trained as a teacher, and moved to an island called Natandol where many of the children needed help.


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AD: Show understanding of experiences of the power of the Holy spirit in witnessing to the good news of christ. (14) You have understood the sacrifice made to others to christ and the way this shaped the lives of others.


Mrs Maricho is a rich woman who grew up in Manila, (the city of the Philippines) She had a very good job and had lots of money. But she felt like she wasn't happy and ~~sh~~ something was missing in her life. She didn't like her job, she had always wanted to do a job to do something with children because, when she was little she always wanted to be around children as her job. So one day ~~she~~ she took a big change in her life, she fulfilled her dream so she traveled over to an island called 'Nakambol' as soon as she was trained to be a teacher. The island she had moved to was very poor: they had no water, no education and barely any food. She had started a school there and had to teach 600 ~~has~~ children so she had to have shifts and now she has given them enough education to get a good job to help their families so it will get the island more beneficial for everyone to live off.

The work of local charities: feeding the homeless, hostels, the Samaritans, the hospice movement, the work of the Salvation Army, charity shops etc. may not necessarily be explicitly Christian but have a Christian foundation and inspiration. We researched some.

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**Imagine a World Without Homelessness**



About us?

We are a charity that provides food and shelter for the homeless. At Llamau we believe that no young person or vulnerable woman should ever have to experience homelessness.

Who found the charity?

Llamau was founded in 1986 to provide homeless teenagers with a safe place to stay. Since then, we have supported over 100,000 young people, women and children who are facing or experiencing homelessness.

Our mission?

Our mission is to eradicate homelessness for young people and vulnerable women. But for thousands of the most vulnerable people in Wales, homelessness is a frightening reality.

What difference we make?

Llamau is the leading homelessness charity in Wales, supporting the most vulnerable young people and women. We are particularly well known for working with those most at risk - care leavers, people who have been involved with the criminal justice system, people who have experienced domestic abuse and people who have had chaotic and disadvantaged lifestyles. They need high levels of individual support to help them gain the skills necessary for them to live independent and purposeful lives in their communities.

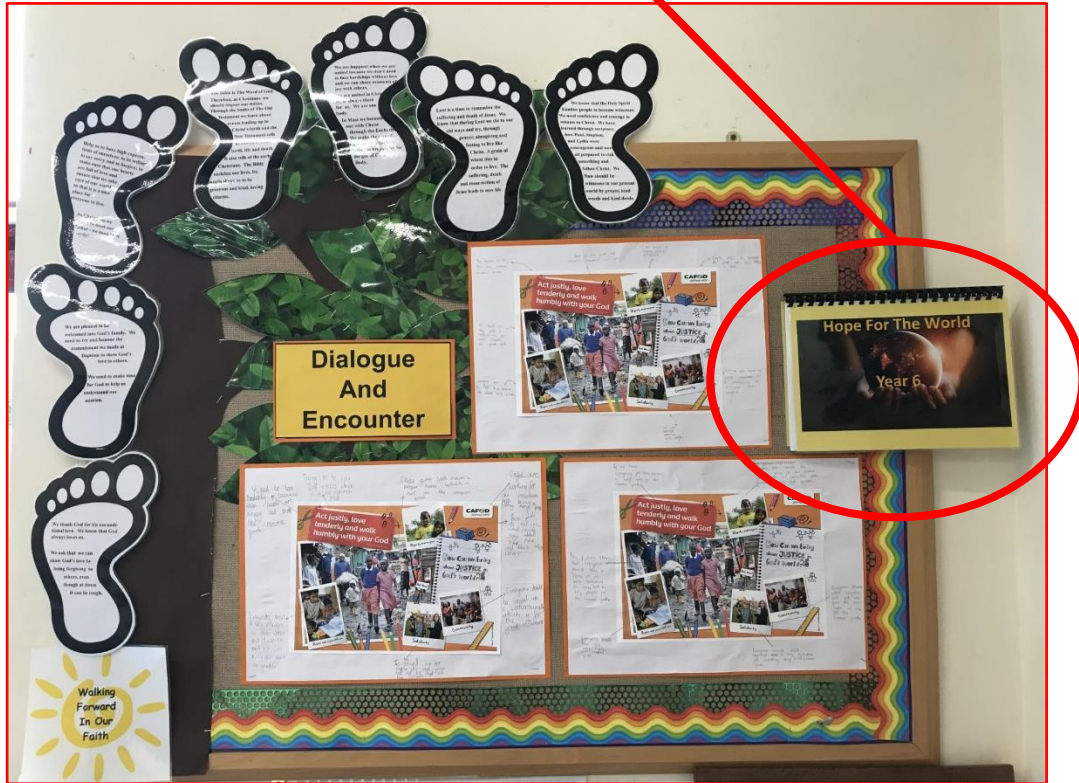
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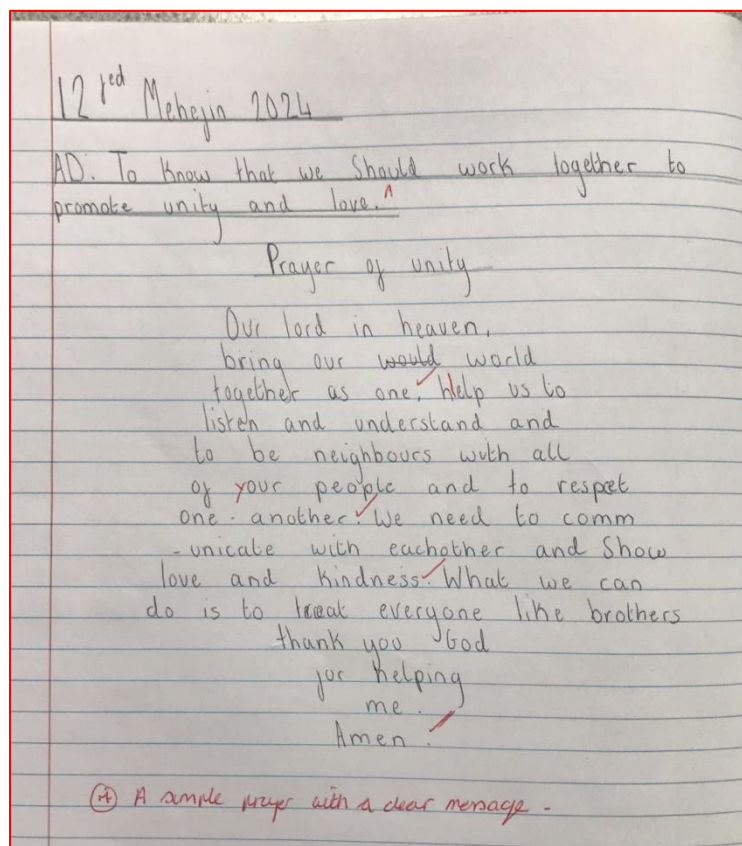
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### Dialogue and Encounter

We considered 'How I would change the world for the good of all'. We prepared a slide to share our hopes and dreams showing how our decisions for change are informed by religious beliefs and values. We put them together to make a class Book of Hope for the World.



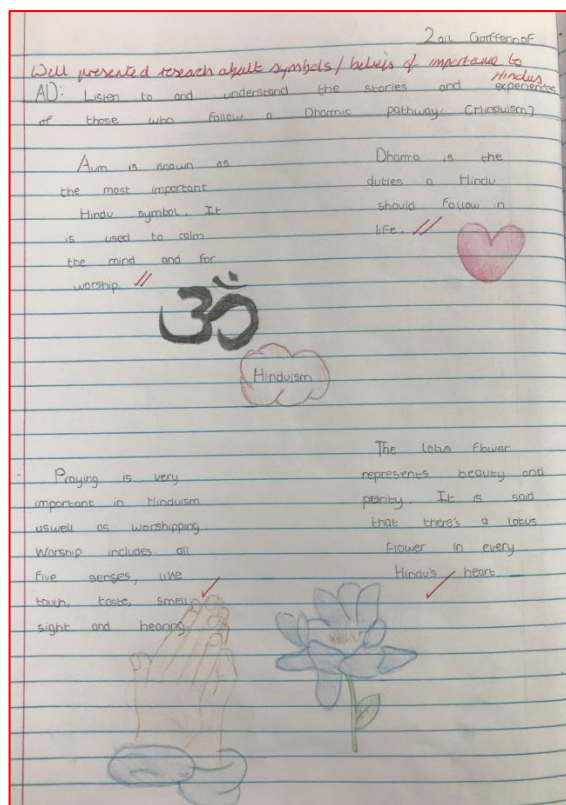
We know that we should work together to promote unity and love.



In one lesson we played the CAFOD auction game to help us develop our Worldviews. Things were very heated as we found out that not everyone had the same money around the world which meant they couldn't access everything they needed.



This term we also explored another world faith – Hinduism. First, we tried to think of all the things we already knew – symbols, festivals, beliefs...



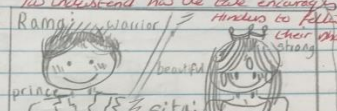
We also looked at the story of Rama and Sita and thought about how it illustrated dharma. We shared the story and thought of reasons why it illustrates dharma.

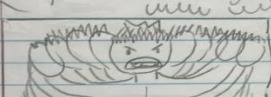


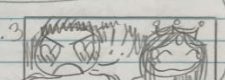
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All recognize and make links between Hindu beliefs, practices and way of life. (2) I love the way you chose to present your story.


### The story of Rama and Sita

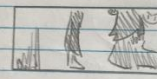
1.  There was a boy called Rama, and a girl called Sita. The princess was beautiful and the prince was a warrior.

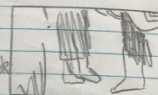
2.  There was Ravana, a demon king with ten heads and twenty arms. He was in love with Sita.

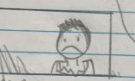
3.  So Ravana turned himself into a deer that wounded to get the attention of Rama's wife (Sita). So then Sita got Rama's attention but the deer ran away, so she wanted to go after it.


6.  First Rama wanted Sita to be safe too so he put a force field around her.


7.  The "deer" then turned into an old beggar and went to Sita.

8.  The princess stepped out the circle.

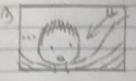
9.  Ravana got her and took her to the land of Lanka (his palace).

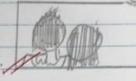
10.  Rama saw this and started seeking for help.

11.  Rama found Hanuman (monkey king) and gathered his monkey army.

12.  Rama and Hanuman went to build a bridge and went over for Ravana's Island for war.

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13.  Rama then shot Ravana with a magical arrow, and he died.

14.  Lastly, Rama and Sita safely went home to their village.

# THE END!

### Dharma

Dharma is a duty that we follow until given a new duty, a good duty (obviously). For example Rama followed his dharma because when he was going to look for the deer for Sita, before he started looking, Rama put a circular force field around her to keep her safe. Sita also followed her dharma because she'd help anyone, even strangers!

Hanuman also followed their <sup>his</sup> dharma because they helped Rama find his wife. Ravana didn't get his follow his dharma, so instead he got karma by losing the war at the end <sup>and</sup> dying.