

SPIRITUALITY THROUGH PLAY

At Trull Church of England VA Primary School



What is Spirituality?

At the heart of the Church of England's Vision for Education for children, is that children will embrace excellence and academic rigour through a wider framework of **spiritual**, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development to enable them to flourish. This will be shown by their beliefs which inform their perspective on life and their interest in other people's feelings and values, being fascinated when learning about themselves and others including the intangible such as beauty, awe and wonder, to love and have empathy. Through this they are able to understand their own feelings and emotions so enabling them to reflect and learn and understand their place in God's world.

On the 13th and 14th June, the school participated in a wonderful event, organised by our local Church and Children's worker and supported by the community, to spend time pondering spirituality.



This was done in seven ways;

1. Fellowship - To understand why the church are a group of people, not a building. Why do Christians meet and celebrate together?
2. Sung Worship - To think about why we sing and praise God. Why do Christians sing songs to God?
3. Prayer - To translate the Lord's Prayer into more modern language. What does the Lord's Prayer teach us?
4. Serving & Giving - To look at what life is like in different parts of the world and the challenges people face, using Pooja, our sponsored child, as a focus. How is Pooja's life different to ours?
5. Telling Others - Children learnt about Brother Andrew, how he spread the word of God. What did Brother Andrew do and why?
6. Learning from the Bible - To listen to stories from the sermon on the Mount. How should we act and should we make want attention when we are kind?
7. Communion - To understand what the Communion is for. Why do Christians have communion and what does it represent?



By mixing the groups up within each key stage, the children had the opportunity to work with different children, all of whom took on a very supportive and caring role for each other. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences, having time to develop a deeper understanding of their own spirituality and experience an oasis of calm in a difficult and very busy world.

Here are some quotes from the children regarding their experiences.

I really loved the Fellowship part where we were all doing things with others and listening to what they all said and looking at all the different Bibles- Armani

We loved learning about communion and the activity with the biscuits- Tilly, Keira, Thomas and Oscar

I liked the way we looked at the Lord's Prayer and then wrote our own words on the back creating our own prayer. Luke

I liked learning more about God- Alice

The song was great fun to learn and do in Sung Worship- Billy

