RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – YEAR 1 – PENTECOST

EXPLORE: Holidays as days to be happy



Look at together and share:

- Photographs of holidays or days out you may have had.
- Together talk about your school trips.
- Find pictures of holidays in magazines or on holiday websites. Talk about holiday experiences. This is a great way to wonder about the beauty of other places around the world.
- You may wish to share the BBC Barnaby Bear programme about how Barnaby goes on holiday. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9grd2p/resources/1
- Our holidays and relaxing times are taken at home at the moment. Talk about what you have done at home that felt relaxing or fun, just like you are on holiday.

Choose Activities

- Cut out/draw things you would need to take with you for a holiday.
- Make a list of things you like to do in holiday time.
- Pack a suitcase for a bear to go on holiday.
- Play going on holiday or being on holiday somewhere in your house or in your garden.

REVEAL: Pentecost: a holy day, the feast of the Holy Spirit

• Share and read the bible story together

The word holiday comes from *holyday*. Some days of the year are 'holy days', these are special days in the Church's year. What is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is Jesus' friend who is always with us to help and guide us. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can explain the power of the Spirit with wind, air and fire images.

Pentecost Day

Pentecost Day (based on Acts 2:1-4)

In the second part of Luke's story, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the story of Pentecost.

After Jesus had gone back to his Father, his friends stayed together with Mary, Jesus' Mother.

Peter was there and James and John and all the others.

They missed Jesus very much.

They felt weary and lost.

They couldn't get up and get on with their lives.

They didn't know what to do.

They talked about their time with Jesus,

and wondered about his promise, 'I will not leave you alone'.

Then on Pentecost day everything changed.

It was as if they had been made new, re-created.

They were different people.

They were filled with life, joy, peace and happiness.

They knew that Jesus had kept his promise to send the Holy

Spirit, who would be with them always.

They wanted to share this happiness

and they got up straight away to go out to tell everyone.



Choose Activities

- Write in the bubbles what people are thinking and saying.
- Make decorations to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church e.g. paper chains, streamers, doves, flames, flags etc.
- In our churches we celebrate Pentecost, it is called the birthday of the church. Talk about how you might celebrate Pentecost at home. You may like to have a Pentecost party or play and pretend to have a Pentecost party.
- Make a birthday card for the Church.