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| Week 4 Collective Worship Autumn Term  |  |
| Teacher Lead- Mr Hodgkiss  | Monday  |
| APPLES TO CHOOSE (whole school)Genesis 3 v 1-6There are ideas about three special gardens over the course of this week to help thinking about God as the faithful gardener. Between them, these gardens hold the clues about how our lives can produce the fruit and the harvest that God is looking for. All these three gardens are in the Bible and God is the faithful gardener. Remind pupils that you will build up a ‘big picture’ over the week.Apples – the fruit of the first garden. I wonder what's your favourite variety of apple? There are so many to choose from nowadays – many from around the world. Some look tasty. Some look rather waxy! Some look as if the may be sweet but turn out rather sharp. Here are some apples to choose from the fruit garden. Invite some children and adults to taste a few of the apples and give their opinions. | The Apple Garden is there right at the beginning of the Bible story. It is the garden of choice…The Garden of Eden. God in love allowed us to choose whether to love him and know him or not, and people chose not to. God never wanted to force love on his creation and so it meant that people chose what was bad for them and for the world. Christians take the mess of the world with its failed harvests and unfair trade seriously and own up to the truth about who causes the ‘mess’ in the world (people not God). Take time to reflect on how God the gardener for the garden of apples reminds us on we should try and make the world into a better place. |
| ***Questions and thoughts from the children***What causes the mess in the world? What can we do about it? Individual people cause the mess- people who are not following the exact messages of their religion- Children paid attention to terrorist attacks but were very thoughtful in their responses that it is individuals who are taking the wrong path. We need to be positive role models and teach the younger children that – although there is hurt and suffering in the world- we need to have faith and be proactive to help change it. – Children referred to our fundraising for our sponsored child and suggested that if everyone does a small bit then the world will be a better place.  | ***Prayer/ Words of thought*** Father God, whose idea it was that seeds should grow and produce crops and fruits, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your goodness and care, and for giving us enough to eat in the harvest of the land. Lord God, please also give us wisdom and good sense to use this harvest well, to honor you to meet our needs and to help those who are not so well off. |
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| Teacher Lead- Mrs Batey  | Tuesday  |
| OLIVES TO CRUSH (whole school) Luke 22 v 39-43The second garden is very different. This garden produces olives. Show the bowl of olives. Who likes olives? Invite some children and adults to come and taste them and give their opinions. You may get a mixed response to this! These olives grow in gardens too and can be eaten. But they can also be crushed to make olive oil, which has many uses. So here aresome olives to crush from this fruit garden. God is faithful and does not leave us in the ‘mess’that we heard about yesterday . Here is the olive garden next. It is a real garden in place and | time and one where once God, in the form of Jesus, knelt to pray. It's called the Garden ofGethsemane – an olive garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Here Jesus chose to be crushed like the olives in that garden; crushed on the cross in our place for all the mess which people caused. Jesus took on himself all the bad that people had brought into the world so they can have the opportunity of a new start, a clean sheet, a fresh beginning. Take time to thank God the gardener for the garden of olives which reminds us of what Jesus did on the Cross. |
| How can we rid the world of suffering and negativity? We need to admit that it is happening- we live in sheltered – somewhat isolated area of the world but –despite this- children were very aware of what is happening in different parts of the world.  | God the faithful gardenerThank you for the many ways in which you bless us,Help us never to take your blessings for granted,Give us the courage to use what we have to help others. AMEN |
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| Teacher Lead- Miss Jones  | Wednesday  |
| GOD THE GARDENER WANT US TO THRIVE (class or key stage)Luke 13:6-9Here is a story of a gardener coming to look for fruit (figs) on his fruit treeThis gardener comes looking for fruit but there was none. Nevertheless the gardener gives the tree another chance. He is a hopeful gardener, doing his very best to make the treeproduce fruit. I wonder what you think this story from Jesus is about? Ask for some ideas. | Remember to hear and receive all ideas positively. Jesus' stories are usually about God and God’s relationship to his people in some way. Perhaps God is coming lto see whether our lives have produced a good harvest but is God disappointed? This gardener God), in love, offers another chance. Before the Ground Force team is called in to dig us over, God waits a bit longer for the fruit to come! What is the harvest of your life? |
| ***Questions and thoughts from the children***Do we give each other second chances? Children recalled that forgiveness is one of our Christian Values and we should forgive others and give them a chance to do something good with their lives. How many times should we forgive? As many times as you feel you need to- you have special friends who you depend on but they should also be able to depend on you to forgive them if they make a mistake- we all make mistakes!  | ***Prayer/ Words of thought*** God the faithful gardenerThank you for the many ways in which you bless us,Help us never to take your blessings for granted,Give us the courage to use what we have to help others. AMEN |
| Child- led assembly  | Thursday  |
| Values for Life- Thankfulness  |  |
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| Teacher Lead- Mr Hodgkiss  | Friday  |
| Rockcliffe Centre- Harvest Festival  |  |
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