



Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

Spring Celebrations Day 21th April 2021

Let all that you do be done in LOVE - 1 Corinthians 16:14

We aim to develop our children socially, morally, culturally and spiritually to help them to be more valued and responsible citizens.

On 21st April 2021 the whole school had the opportunity to learn first-hand about the celebrations that take place in our local faith communities at this time of year. Local representatives from the Christian, Jewish, Sikh, Hindu and Muslim communities filmed information and personal reflections on their celebrations.

All children completed creative activities as they developed their learning and we were invited to join 'live' online question and answer sessions so that pupils could meet some of the representatives in person. We all had a fabulous day as you can see from our reports from each class. I am sure that your children will be able to tell you all about it.

Class 1

We have really enjoyed learning all about Ramadan & Easter. We made wool crosses to symbolise the Christian faith and we made the moon and stars to symbolise Ramadan and the faith of Islam.



Class 2

In Class 2, we had a fun day learning all about the Christian celebration of Easter and the Muslim celebration of Eid. We looked at different crosses around the world and made our own Mexican cross. We explored Islamic patterns and made our own Mehndi patterns.



Class 3

We had a fantastic day learning about the Jewish festival of Passover and made our own Seder plates. After that, we learnt about the festival of Holi which is celebrated by Hindus. Finally, we finished the day by studying the Christian festival of Easter and really enjoyed making our own Ethiopian crosses.



Class 4

In Class 4 we looked at Christianity (Easter) and Hinduism (Holi). We started our day by asking some questions that we wanted to find out, before watching some really interesting videos. We then got to complete lots of various craft activities such as making an Ethiopian cross out of folding paper, a Mexican Cross using weaving, a Holi card blowing paint and a Holi person by sprinkling powder paint. We finished the day by joining a zoom call with people of different faiths. We had lots of fun and learnt lots!



Class 5

In Class 5 we learnt about the Jewish festival of Pesach and the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi. We began the day by thinking about why it is important to learn about different religions and cultures. The children came up with some brilliant ideas, mainly the idea that we need to show respect and understanding to one another, regardless of religion or culture. We learnt about why Moses is an important figure for Jews and how, with God's help he led his people safely out of Egypt to the promised land. This is what Jews remember when they celebrate Pesach (Passover). We looked at the different types of foods which are eaten at Passover and what they represent. We then learnt about the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi and how this is celebrated in memory of the Beloved Five and the very beginnings of Sikhism. We learnt about the different clothes that Sikhs wear and how they are significant. We decorated a Kalgi which would be worn on a turban as a sign of importance or even royalty!

