



School News from Copley Junior School



R.E at Copley Junior School

At Copley Junior, we are very fortunate to have valued links within our local community that enable us to enrich our delivery of R.E.

Year 3 Visits to St Mary's Church

Reverend Amanda planned a very engaging curriculum visit for Year 3 pupils, to help them learn about the different features of a church and to find out more about the fascinating history of St Mary's Church.



Children worked in pairs as detectives to see if they could find features from clues such as 'a spy hole', 'men on a beach' and 'some white feathers'. As Copley Junior pupils, another interesting challenge was to discover how many times they could find the name 'Copley' in St Mary's Church! We are very proud that our Copley school name and school uniform logo links back to the Copley family at Sprotbrough Hall.



Once the children had found all the features, Reverend Amanda explained the history and significance of each one.



Children were fascinated to learn about the 'Frith Stool', which is around 700 years old. In those days there were no police, so if it was thought someone had done something wrong, people went after the offender themselves. People needed somewhere safe to go so that they could tell their side of the story and looked for a place of sanctuary. The 'Frith Stool' is a sanctuary chair. It's a safe space. If you were sitting on this chair, no-one was allowed to touch you, which hopefully would give people time to listen to your side of the story and to sort the problem out.

'Open the Book'

Our 'Open the Book' assembly is always a highlight of the week. Our 'Open the Book' team present Bible stories in a way that engages the children and helps them to reflect meaningfully on the key messages.

Their recent retelling of the Easter story was so dramatic you could have heard a pin drop in the school hall.



'Godly Play'

We greatly appreciate our Year 4 link with the Methodist Church. In recent 'Godly Play' sessions children have learned about the Easter story through craft and story sessions.



'Bible Explorer'

In Year 5, our delivery of R.E. is enhanced by the 'Bible Explorer' sessions led by Mr Barlow. Children learn about the stories of the Old Testament in a very lively and active way that involves all the children.

After the Easter break, we look forward to Harpinder's visit to school to help us learn about the Sikh faith.





Year 3 have made
Easter wreaths

Year 3 have enjoyed
creating their own stained
glass windows



We look forward to sharing more of our school news soon.

Best wishes
E.A. Crayton
Head teacher