



RE Week

Last week, we took a trip to the synagogue in Norwich to help us answer our key question: Why is it important for Jews to meet together? It was a great trip! We found out about Shabbat and were told what normally happens in a Jewish service. We also learnt all about the festival of Passover and how it came to be.

Here is an except from one of our letters, written as a Jewish child to a friend about Passover:

'My family and I are Jews and every Spring we celebrate the festival of Passover. We remember our ancestors who were slaves who eventually got their freedom back thanks to Moses and God. It all started when a Pharaoh made Jews his slaves. When Moses asked the pharaoh to let them go, he replied 'No!' God then released several plagues to try and encourage him to change his mind but every time, the Pharaoh went back on his word and refused to set the slaves free. God then released the 10th plague. If you didn't smear the blood of a lamb on your door, the Angel of Death would kill the first born child in your family. If you did, the Angel of Death would 'Passover' your house and no one would be harmed. The next day, the Pharaoh's son died so he let the Jewish people free. The Jewish people left in such a hurry that the bread they had prepared did not have time to rise'.

(Unleavened bread is eaten during the festival of Passover to remember how quickly the Jews fled Egypt. They also eat other symbolic foods to represent/remind them of their ancestors plight. Can your child tell you any more of them?)

New Topic: Ancient Greece

This week, we have started to learn about Ancient Greece. So far, we have found out where Greece is as well as some of its physical features and the climate it has. We've also located Ancient Greece on a timeline in relation to other eras. We have started to find out some of the major differences between two city-states, Athens and Sparta and have begun to plan a balanced argument about which is the greatest city-state.



Some photos from our trip:



Homework Expectation Reminder

- 30 mins on TT Rockstars per week.
- 10 mins of reading 4 times per week.
- 30 mins on Spelling Shed per week.

VERY IMPORTANT

- Filled water bottle
- Water-proof jacket
- Sun hat and suncream (in readiness for better weather!)