



Kingskerswell

Church of England Primary School

Achieve, Believe and Create Together

Jeremiah 29:11.

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Kingskerswell Church of England is a 2-form entry school situated in the village of Kingskerswell just outside Newton Abbot. We have been working towards delivering collective worship through a variety of channels, hence the What a Wonderful World Eco-Trail. Our aim is for everyone in our school community to discover their 'space' for personal and spiritual growth.

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WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD ECO-TRAIL

Our Values for Summer term –
Respect & Stewardship

1 Peter 2:16. Show respect for everyone.



The final week of the spring term brought squalling gales and lashing rain, and we were left with no choice but to abandon the What a Wonderful World Eco-Trail until the weather improved.

The summer term arrived, as did the fine weather. We soon discovered the Eco Trail to be the perfect vehicle for the exploration of our term's Christian values of Respect & Stewardship, and the overarching theme of being God's Gardeners.

Over the course of a week, children from EYFS through to Year 6 visited the six stations set up in our Jubilee Garden. The stations, courtesy of Sun Hats and Wellie Boots (www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com), included a set of questions, a Bible extract, and a prayer to share and reflect upon. We had decided to extend each station to include self-led activities that included identification cards and magnifying glasses.





The children enjoyed exploring the Eco-Trail set out around the Jubilee Garden. They used magnifying glasses to look at bugs, and identification cards to spot birds, plants and flowers,

Did the Eco-Trail deliver?

Most definitely! Not only did the children continue to talk about their favourite part of the trail long after they had completed it, they also asked for more opportunities to use the Prayer Pebbles, which feature in our Autumn 2023 planning.

This is what they had to say about it!

I liked it when we took a pebble and said a prayer...anyone could just join in and some people helped each other say a prayer out aloud...I would like to do more activities like that...



The final activity took place at the Pebble Prayer Pool where the children were invited to pick up a Prayer Pebble, say a prayer or reflect quietly, and then to place it in the pool.



The children's 'take-away' was a packet of seeds to take home to grow their own plants during the summer.

A Child's Prayer for the Earth (Year 1)

Dear Lord
Thank you for the sun,
the sky,
for all the things that like to fly,
the shining rain that turns
grass green,
the earth we know -
the world unseen -
for stars and night,
and once again
the every-morning sun.
Amen.