

School of Sanctuary Acorn Class examples:

Remembrance- Poppies for peace: We explain to children that on Remembrance Day, people wear red poppies to remember those who helped keep us safe. We show them pictures of poppies and explain that these flowers represent peace and safety. Safe homes: we share simple stories about how during wars, some people had to leave their homes because they weren't safe. We explain that they went to different places to find safety, just like we have our homes to stay safe. Helping heroes: We introduce the concept of heroes, like soldiers and nurses, who work to keep us safe. We explain that on Remembrance Day, we remember and thank them for their efforts to protect us and keep us secure.

International Migrants Day- December 18th Assembly which provides an opportunity to remember the experiences of migrants and refugees worldwide. We participate in discussions related to this day to learn more about their journeys and safety needs.

Fairy Tale Comparisons: We use fairy tales like "The Three Little Pigs" to draw parallels. Explaining that sometimes, people need to find a stronger and safer house, just like the pigs built stronger houses to protect themselves from the wolf.

Multicultural day- we had this day where parents came in and delivered workshops to celebrate their different cultures: they did cooking, learnt about a Slovakian wedding, French food.

DT- food tasting from Around the World: we explore diverse cuisines where you try different types of foods from various countries. We explained that people eat different foods in different parts of the world, and it's exciting to taste new flavors.

Diverse Dolls and Toys: Provide dolls and toys that represent various cultures and ethnic backgrounds. We encouraged playtime with these toys and explained that it's fun to learn about different people.

Story time-We have story time every day with Diverse Characters: we read books with characters from different backgrounds and experiences. These stories show how we can all be friends and help each other, no matter where we come from.

Art from Different Places-We have showed children art and crafts from around the world. They created their own art inspired by different cultures and traditions. We explained that art is a way people express themselves.

Music-from Various Cultures- we play music from different countries and dance to the rhythms. We discussed how music can be a way to connect with people from all over the world. We have watched the older children perform the Showsoloza in assembly.

PSHE-Respect for differences, we emphasise the importance of being kind and respectful to everyone, even if they are different from us. We teach them that it's nice to make new friends with people who may not look exactly like us. We read the story we are all different.

PE- We play inclusive games where everyone is welcome, regardless of their abilities or backgrounds such as blind football.

Re- We learn about family traditions: We encourage children to share their family traditions and talk about how they celebrate special occasions. This helps them see that every family has its own unique way of doing things.

Black History Month- Learn about prejudice to individuals. Significant individuals in black history. We create fact files about these individuals.

Refugee week- Read the refugee story.

PSHE- Being a good friend- being kind- smiling- whoever they are.

PSHE- How they are different- race, hair colour, eye colour which makes us valuable and unique.

Nativity-

- Mary and Joseph's Journey: Explain that Mary and Joseph, the parents of baby Jesus, had to travel a long way to find a safe place for the baby to be born. They had to seek sanctuary in Bethlehem.

- No Room at the Inn: Tell the story of how when Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room for them in the inn. They had to stay in a stable, which became a safe place for the baby Jesus.

- The Shepherds' Visit: Share the part of the story where shepherds came to visit baby Jesus in the stable. They brought gifts and celebrated the safe arrival of the baby.

- The Wise Men's Journey: Explain that wise men came from far away to visit Jesus. They followed a star to find the baby and brought gifts. This journey can symbolize how people sometimes seek safety and sanctuary even from distant lands.

- Flight to Egypt: You can introduce the story of how Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus had to flee to Egypt to escape danger. Just as they needed a safe place, sometimes people have to go to new places for safety.

RE- Stories from Different Religions- We share age-appropriate stories from various religions, highlighting the common themes of kindness, love, and respect. Use picture books or simple narratives to engage the children, such as; Noah's Ark, the Good Samaritan, the boy who threw stones etc.

Multi-faith Art and Crafts: Organize art and craft activities where children can create artwork inspired by symbols or objects from different religions. For example, they make colorful mandalas, draw pictures of different religious buildings and create drawings of Buddhist temples featuring religious symbols.

Visiting Places of Worship: We have trips to places of worship in churches and look at pictures of temples and mosques.

Celebrating Religious Holidays: we explore and celebrate religious holidays from various faiths in assembly, highlighting their significance and traditions. For example, we celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Eid, and Diwali.