




Children's involvement in bold

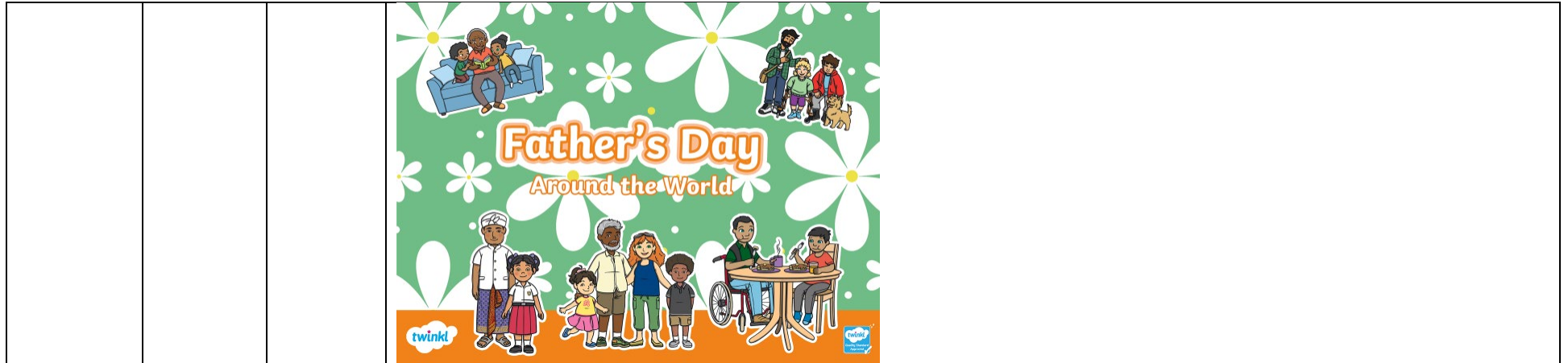
Music for start and end of collective worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0C58ttB2-Qg> – With a little help from my friends (The Beatles)

Song: The first days of summer – Songs for every summer Assembly

	THEME	Learning Intention	Resources/ display
Monday		Pentecost	<p>Pentecost was yesterday.</p> <p>What is Pentecost? - At Pentecost the Church celebrates Jesus fulfilling that promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide and help his disciples to understand all that he has taught them. It is celebrated 50 days (7 weeks) after Easter Sunday and brings the Easter season to an end.</p> <p>Show the children the video below and read 'Fire from heaven' & God's promise – The lion bible for children p304 & 305. Refer back to the story of Ascension when Jesus said God would send the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Pentecost for Kids (Video Story, Lessons, and Activities) - Ministry To Children</p> <p>There are four symbols of Pentecost. These are fire, wind, a dove, and the breath of God. <i>The following points have been summarised from our unit The Holy Spirit of the Secondary resource.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire – fire can be both comforting and destructive. Comforting in the sense of warmth, destructive in the sense of power. Fire will burn away the old so that the new can grow. 2. Wind – although we cannot physically see wind, we can feel the effects of it. Just like with God. Whilst we cannot physically see him, we see and feel the effects of him working through our lives. 3. Dove – the dove is often a sign of peace and hope within Christianity. Due to this symbolism, the apostles were able to feel a sense of peace through a scenario that would've otherwise been terrifying for them. 4. Breath of God – breath is essential for life, and so fundamental to our being that we at most times hardly realise it's there. This is what the Holy Spirit is like. It breathes life into all things. It's life-giving, sustaining, and continual. <p>What is the main message of Pentecost?</p> <p>At Pentecost, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, people from every tongue, race, and nation are brought together in Jesus Christ. God has reconciled us individually to himself through his son Jesus, and through him we have been made one body in the church.</p>

			<p><i>Pentecost is the day the church was born. It is a day of celebration for all Christians around the world, from different denominations and a range of different types of churches and communities. There is a carnival atmosphere and joy is at the centre.</i></p> <p><i>Some churches release doves as this is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Others set up prayer stations with candles to represent the tongues of fire. Some churches release red rose petals from the church ceiling to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit and some use banners and flags of red for joyful celebrations. Some churches release balloons and churches in Jerusalem in Israel use actual fire to celebrate. Other churches like to get outside and wave the flags of different countries to show that at Pentecost people from all nations, all languages and all skin colours were able to hear the Good News about Jesus for themselves in their own language. Some Christians make kites and fly these, thinking about the rushing wind of the Holy Spirit's arrival. Some churches set up their altar tables with red cloths and candles, some have a Pentecost Party with the whole church community and in some countries the Christian story of Pentecost gets mixed with local cultural traditions, creating some interesting processions and rituals.</i></p>
Tuesday	Picture news		<div> <div>  </div> <div>  <p>Rule of Law</p> <p>Rules and laws help keep people and animals safe. When we create rules, we can think about the needs of others – especially those who might need more help or protection. Fair rules can make life better for everyone.</p> </div> <div> <p>Protected Characteristics</p> <p>Everyone should have the chance to enjoy and learn about animals by visiting places like zoos. Zoos should be made accessible so that all people can take part and feel included.</p>  </div> </div>
Wednesday	Friendship	What makes a good friend?	<p>A recipe for a good friend.</p> <p>Hand the 'ingredient' pictures out to the children and ask them to come up one at a time to place it in the mixing bowl. Discuss each of the values of friendship and why they are important. Can the children give examples of when they have demonstrated one of the friendship values or someone has shown this to them.</p>

Thursday		What makes a good friend?	<p>1. Ask the children what they think makes someone a good friend. Listen to a range of responses.</p> <p>2. Next, ask them the following questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If a friend invited you to the seaside for a day, would you want to go? – If a friend hadn't cleaned out their pet rabbits for a month and invited you to help with that, would you want to? <p>Point out that it is easier to be friends with someone if things are going well and we are enjoying ourselves than it is when things are more difficult.</p> <p>3. Ask the children if they have any examples of times when friends have stuck by them. Read out the examples of friendship below and ask the children to indicate if they think someone has been a good friend or not by using the thumbs up or down signs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mark was really sad at school one day because his hamster had died. His friend Seb asked if he could sit next to him that day and told him a joke to cheer him up. – Karen was invited to Saira's birthday party, but she couldn't go because her family was visiting her grandma that day. Saira got upset with Karen and said she wasn't going to talk to her any more. – Joel and Sam were playing with Joel's football. Sam kicked it so hard it went over the fence. Joel got really angry with Sam and stormed off home. – Gordon noticed that another girl was always picking on and laughing at his friend Dawn. Gordon decided to tell the teacher about what was happening. <p>Read the story below of Naomi and Ruth</p> <p>Emphasize that Ruth gave up everything so she could go with Naomi. She showed Naomi extraordinary friendship.</p>
Friday			Celebration worship / Father's Day – Look at the PowerPoint to develop awareness of Father's Day being celebrated around the world and thinking about the different ways it is celebrated.



Ruth and Naomi

In a place called Moab there lived a nice family. Elimelech, his wife Naomi and their two sons moved there because there was more food there than where they used to live. After a while Elimelech died but Naomi wasn't alone she still had two sons.

Her sons got married but after about ten years they died too. At least Naomi still had her sons wives to keep her company, their names were Orpah and Ruth.

Naomi called her sons wives and told them, "I am going to go back to where I used to live and I would like you also to go back to your family where you used to live. May God show you kindness as you have showed me." All the women cried and hugged each other because they were such good friends.

Orpah didn't want to leave Naomi but Naomi told her not to worry, she would be fine. So Orpah left to go back to her family. But no matter what Naomi said to Ruth, Ruth would not leave. "Don't ask me to leave. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your friends will be my friends and your God will be my God."

So Ruth and Naomi returned to Bethlehem together. It was a good thing Ruth went with Naomi because Bethlehem was very far away and Naomi couldn't have travelled all that way by herself. Notice that Ruth never complains but is a good friend to Naomi. She wasn't expecting anything in return, she just wanted to help.

When they got there Ruth decided that she should do some kind of work. It was harvest time, so she worked in the fields following behind the harvesters and picked up any barley that they had dropped.

The owner of the field came by to greet the harvesters and noticed Ruth in the field. He asked one of the harvesters who she was. "She came back from Moab with Naomi, that's all I know." Lucky for Ruth the owner of the field was Boaz, he was a kind man who believed in God. He had also been related to Elimelech (Naomi's husband that died).

Boaz went to go talk to Ruth, he said to her, "Don't go work in any other field but stay here with the other servant girls. I will make sure you are safe and whenever you are thirsty go and get a drink from the water jars." When Ruth heard this she bowed down to Boaz and asked, "Why are you being so nice to me, I'm not even from here."

Boaz replied, "I know what you've done for Naomi, you left your family and moved to a place you've never been. May the Lord reward you for your kindness."

Ruth thanked Boaz and continued with her work in the hot sun. Boaz even ordered his workers to drop extra barley so Ruth could have more for herself.

Ruth took all the barley home and shared what she had with Naomi. And eventually Ruth married Boaz and everyone was very happy!

Being a good friend takes a long time to learn. A good friend is loyal, which means you keep your promises and sometimes when you don't feel like being a friend you are anyway. Sometimes our friends aren't perfect and they make mistakes but we make mistakes too, and we don't want our friends to leave us when that happens.

God gives us friends when we need them, and we should treat them like a gift from God. Just like in the story, Naomi could've insisted the women come with her, but she was unselfish and wanted them to be free to go home to be with their families. And Ruth had such a good attitude and wanted to help, she moved away from everyone she knew and went to work to help Naomi. She didn't tell everyone what a good friend she was, she knew that she should be a friend like God wanted her to be.