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Explorers (Leah's group)

In my group we have started a new badge called OURSELVES. In their first week of learning about the new badge they were asked WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL? Each explorer spoke about their own special qualities, what they were good at, at school, what was special to them in their bedroom and how special their friends and family were. To complete this section they were all given multi-coloured clay to mould in to the shape of their initials which are all going to have magnets glued to them to become fridge magnets. The purpose of this craft was so each girl has their own special initials which can be identified to each individual. Each initial and the bond of the glue along with the strength of the magnets shows us the bond and strength in which the Lord has with which each and everyone of us.

Explorers (Brenda's group)

We have started another Badge Book. "Celebrations" learning how to celebrate the life of Jesus and hearing more of his word from the Bible.

Our first week was Celebrating a Birthday, we went through the motions of celebrating a birthday, with music, dancing etc, but still remembering the reason why we were in church. As we work on our new badge book I am sure that there will be many more things to celebrate.

Explorers (Hannah's group)

In my group we are doing 'my health' we are looking at our body and how what we eat affect our bodies. We are looking at what children eat on a daily basis, what treats they have and what foods are good and bad. We are doing a diary of what they eat weekly. Our badge work also includes looking at our body shapes and features and how we might not think we look nice but in Gods eyes were beautiful :-)

Juniors (Rebecca's group)

The juniors have just started a new badge and this is obedience. This badge focuses on Abraham and the juniors will be making, acting and reading about him and how he obeyed God. This is a fun badge and I have included lots of engaging things for them to do and help them remember the memory verse: The Lord took him outside and said "look at the sky and try to count the stars; you will have many descendants as that".

Juniors (Beth's group)

The girls have been doing kindness and love as their badges. For the past couple of weeks we have looked at how we need to be kind in different ways and also to be kind to different people and why we need to be kind like God is kind to each and every one of us. We have done some Bible stories about being kind to each other and how God shows us the right path to take. The second badge is love. We have made cards to send to people that they love, we have studied the different meanings of love and how it can effect each different person. Also we have looked at how God loves us no matter what we do in life.

Seniors (Kim's group)

The seniors have finished their 'who am I badge' and had a break from badge work last week by making pancakes. They had a great time in the kitchen and are desperate to cook again. They are starting a new badge about leisure. They will look at a different leisure activity each week and they've had fun already making up a dance routine to One Direction.

Brigaders (Amanda's group)

The brigaders are continuing to look at baby care. They have been creating booklets about all aspects of baby care, including preparations beforehand and things needed once the baby has arrived. Hopefully these will be on display when finished so we can all see what they have done.

On the 25th March Ray Taylor is visiting the brigaders to talk about his work with the blind. Over the next few months we hope he will be able to visit each of the sections in company.

Yemi

Following our service in February, when Yemi led the service, the girls were asked what they felt about the service, they had all enjoyed it and thought Yemi was fun and easy to listen to. When asked if they would like Yemi to come to company and take a prayer session they all gave an excited yes. Yemi agreed to come to company on the 18th March. He spent time with each of the sections talking to them about prayer and the value of prayer. He taught them some new songs, the juniors and seniors were all doing a new version of head, shoulders, knees and toes. Lots of laughter could be heard when he was speaking to the explorers and the brigaders were able to ask him about christenings, naming ceremonies and dedication services which is part of the badge work they are doing at moment, as well as listen to his stories about prayer and a couple of songs. A good night was had by all and I'm sure the girls will be looking forward to his next visit.

Prayers

In our prayer sessions at the moment we are thinking about Holy week. We began by looking at Palm Sunday, with a Bible reading and the introduction of their Holy Week wheels, a craft with a short verse and a picture representing four parts of Holy week. These will be completed each week.

The second week they thought about Maundy Thursday and Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Kim had them painting their feet and making butterflies with their footprints. We will then have two weeks break from the Holy week wheel, on the 18th Yemi is visiting then on the 25th Bethany will be leading prayers thinking about Mother's Day, Dawn Webster will be coming to see her take this session as she is doing it as part of her leadership training. On the 1st April we will think about Good Friday and then on the 8th April Hannah will lead the worship session, again watched by Dawn for her leadership training, thinking about Easter Sunday.