



Farway CE Primary School

Dear Jessica,

We are writing to express our interest in applying to have ICON School Status. We have learnt about the inspiring work that your organisation is doing to promote peace, reconciliation, and unity, and we are eager to be a part of this meaningful initiative.

At Farway CE Primary School, we are deeply committed to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment where our students learn the values of empathy, understanding, and respect for others. This is done through our daily Collective Worships, the lessons we teach the children and the way we communicate with all members of the school community. We believe that initiatives such as the Cross of Nails project provide valuable opportunities for our students to engage in conversations about peace, reconciliation, and the importance of building bridges across differences on a national scale. This is really important to us as we are a small, rural school.

Our school community is eager to have ICON School Status and to contribute to its mission of promoting a culture of peace and unity in our world. As a whole school, we have created our own artwork based on the symbols of peace, reconciliation and love-please see attached photos and blurb from the children to go in our new prayer space. We will continue to engage in these in activities and discussions that will deepen our students' understanding of these important themes, we are really looking forward to your visit in September.

The children had two days dedicated to the above project (see photos). All the children in the school (from ages 2 to 11) took part. They:

- Discussed the meaning of the words peace and reconciliation and looked at how these words linked to other stories from the Bible.
- Learnt about what happened at Coventry Cathedral in WW2.
- Researched current symbols of peace from around the world.
- Designed their own symbols of peace.
- Used the small designs to create larger images of what peace and reconciliation means to the children.
- The older children did some maths about how large the tiles needed to be to fit in the space we had in our prayer garden.
- Adapted these designs and put them onto wooden tiles. The children then painted these wooden tiles to hang in our prayer garden.
- Reflection about the work of Coventry Cathedral and what they had learnt about.

We are confident that our participation in the Cross of Nails project will have a positive impact on our students, staff, and broader community, and we are committed to upholding the values and principles of the project as we do many of them already within our daily life in school.

We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you on this meaningful endeavour and contributing to the vision of a more peaceful and reconciled world.



Thank you for considering our application. We eagerly await your response.

Yours sincerely,

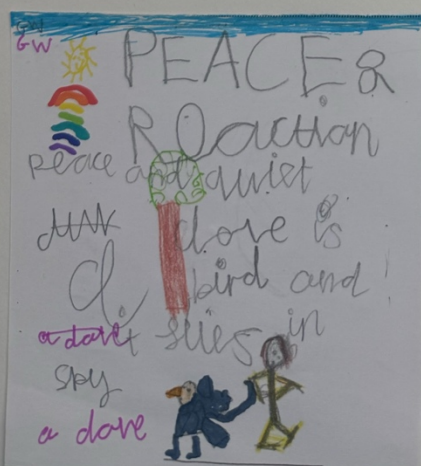
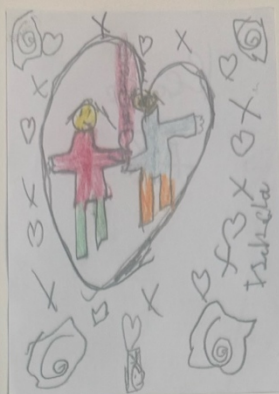
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PEACE & Reconciliation



The Holy Dove

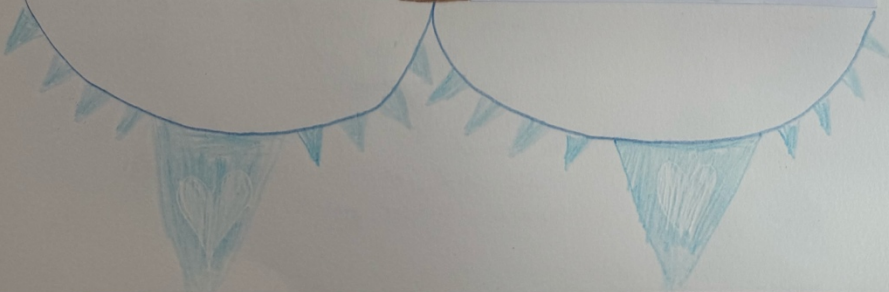
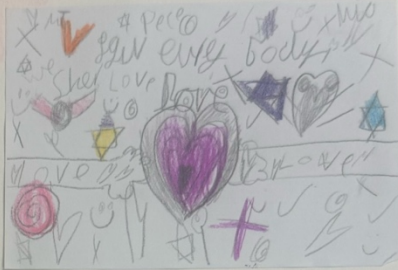
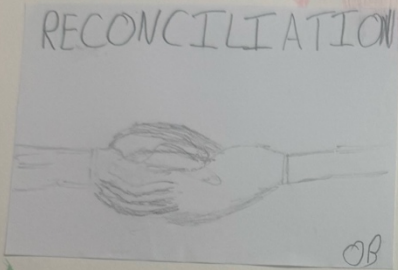


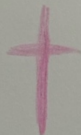
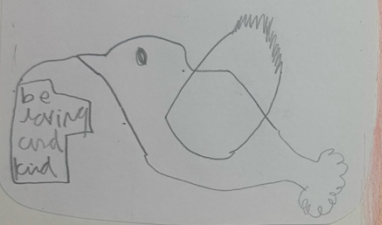
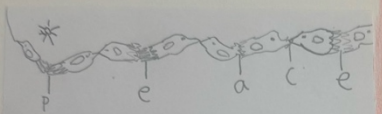
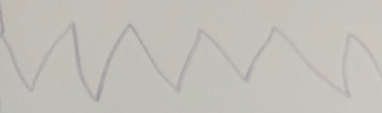
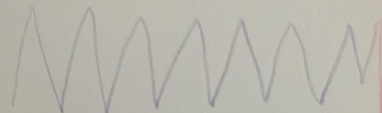


As the cross of nails encourages us, we united as a whole school and discussed our new vocabulary.

We explored it in a range of contexts, showing stories about Peace and Reconciliation, from the Bible but also reflecting on these in our own lives.

We shared the story behind the Cross of Nails and what we are working towards in our project.





How it all began...

In 1940-WW2-the Germans bombed cathedrals because they wanted to dampen our spirits. OB.

They bombed the cathedral in Coventry until everything was on fire. The building was making noises because the metal was melting. Daisy W.

Everyone was upset. When one person () went up to a high point, looking down he noticed even though everyone thought God had abandoned them in their moment of need, there was a cross formed from burnt wooden beams. Betsy.

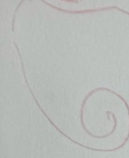
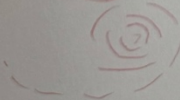
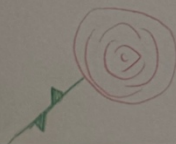
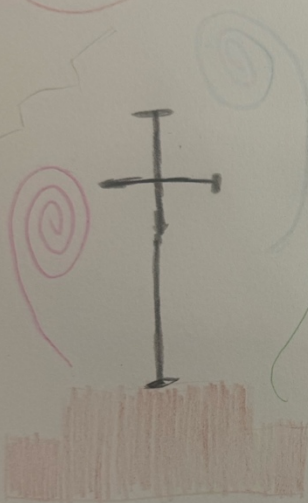
He found 3 nails and made a cross - it was the first cross of nails. Robyn.

He wrote 'Father forgive' (not forgive them) because he wanted the whole world to be peaceful. Oliver

A new cathedral next to the ruins so we would remember.

No one is perfect. Betsy.

Message: be together and forgive
"Peace + Reconciliation"
Oliver B.



tree
Betty

dove
Tommy

hands
Daisy

earth
Bertie

cross
Bertie C

rainbow
Robyn

heart
Daisy

Sun
Alanis

fire + flames
Daisy

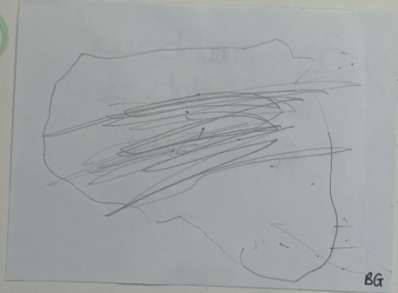
raindrop
Leah

light of God
Bertie C

fountain
Robyn

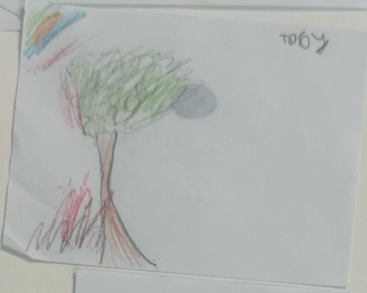
Cloud - supply water
- Holy Spirit

friends

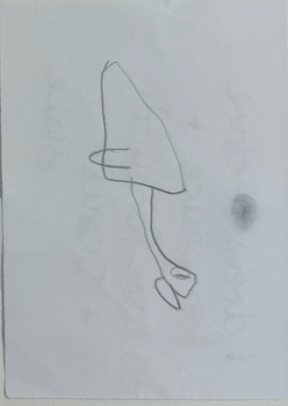
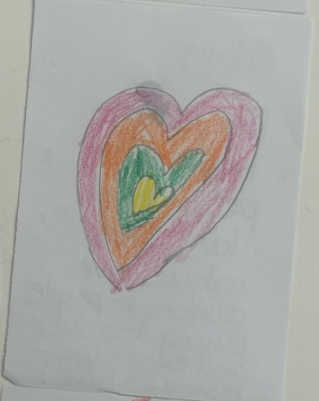




Albert Weddell



AC



Peace





PEACE



PEACE

Peace and Livvy
reconciliation

Reconciliation means coming
back together and being
friends. Robyn

Unity + coming
together Betsy



The heart means the
people of the world
care about each other.
Isabela

Peace means war and
fighting has stopped.
Isabela

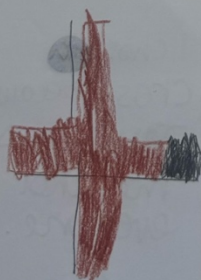
Some
beautiful
ideas of
images we
might use in
our artwork.



Betsy W



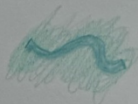
A cross means we
are unity under
God. (united!) Dawny W



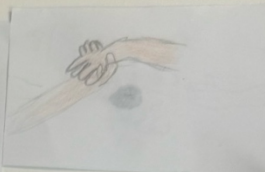
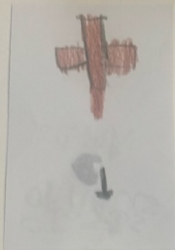
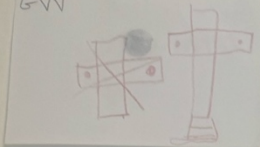
A rainbow because all
the colours work
together - unity. Betsy



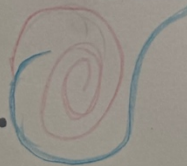
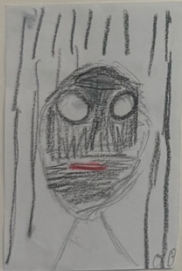
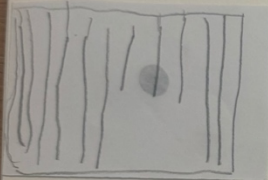
World peace is
the goal! Dawny W



GW



We illustrated
the Cross of Nails
prayer in one of
our collective
worship sessions.



The Cross of Nails quickly became a sign of hope, friendship and reconciliation.
The Community of the Cross of Nails has three residing principles; healing the wounds of history, learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity, and building a culture of peace.

Members of the CCN regularly pray the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation (written by Canon Joseph Poole in 1958), which is prayed in Coventry Cathedral every weekday at noon:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class.

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own.

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth.

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

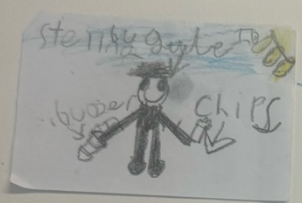
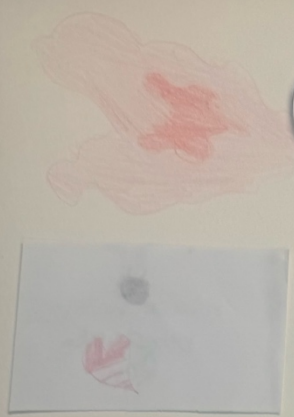
Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

I enjoyed painting and the fun
 I feel sad that the cathedral got
 burnt down in the war
 but I'm happy because God
 was there.
 EC



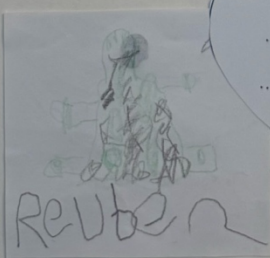
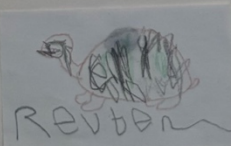
I am proud of the
 lines I did with the
 brush.
 OB



When we learned about the cross
 of nails and saw the video
 learning about them I was
 inspired.
 BM



I drew a dove ~~de~~
 because because it is a
 symbol of peace and the
 holy spirit.
 OB



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means
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Peace means
to the opsite of
war.
Bertie W

We were
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about pe
I drew
of heart

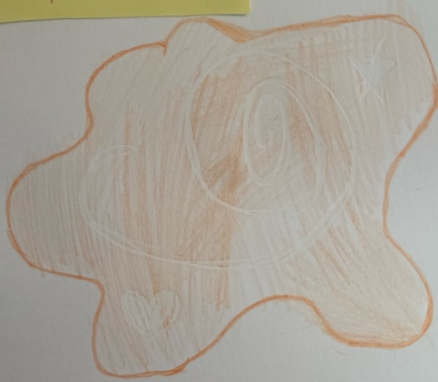
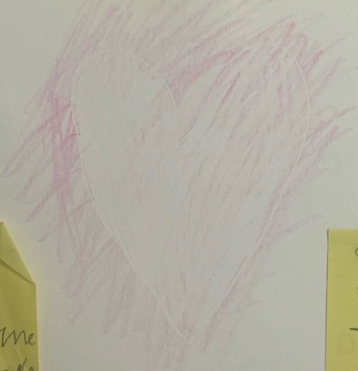
Everyone
should come
together and
not have wars
anymore.

peace means
calmness
SI

peace mean
we can
have some
time not with
self **Albert**

I learned
about
peace
Blake

We ^{we} ^{learn}
to ^{to} ^{draw}
peace **Bertie C**



Reflections

Anna - I drew peace and love with hearts ♥

Bertie W
Peace is the opposite of war

Rebyn
I didn't know what reconciliation was - coming back together.

I learnt to upscale my drawings
Betsy

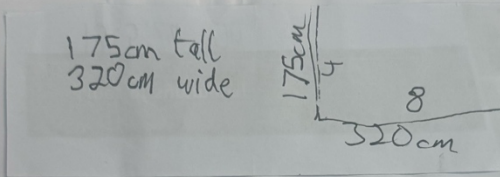
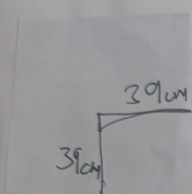
We learnt about the Coventry Cathedral Prayer - father forgive Oliver B

Forgive everyone who sins - not one person. Daisy W

Forgive everyone in the world! Anna



At the end of our project, we painted wooden tiles with our many ideas.



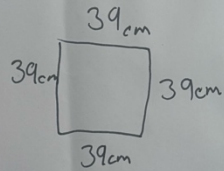
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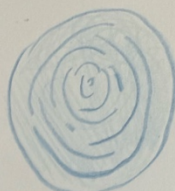
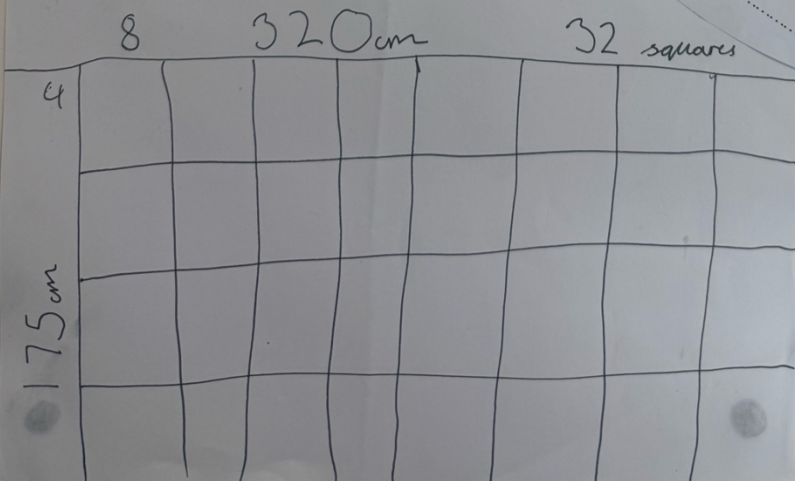
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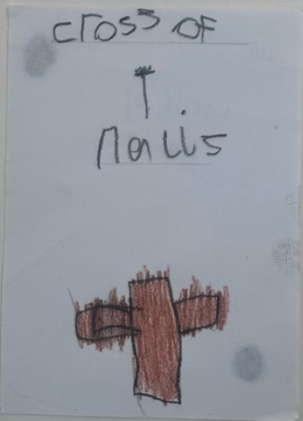
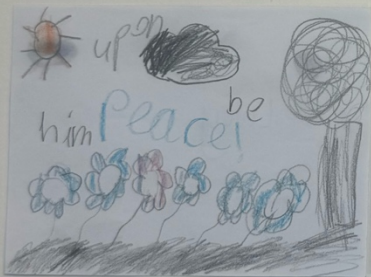
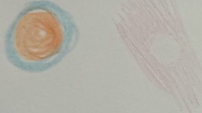
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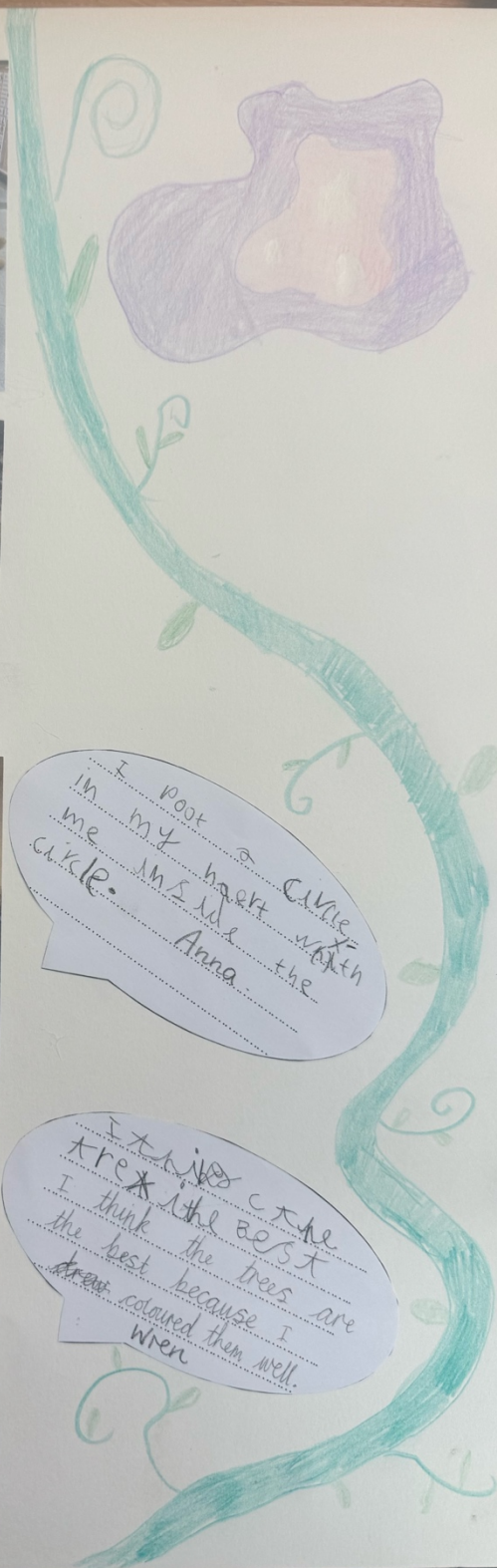
Y5/6 children measured the space to work out how many tiles would fit.





First plan is a thumbnail sketch. We then enlarged it before transferring onto wood.





I root a circle
in my heart with
circle. Mrs. Mc the
Anna.

I think the best
tree is the best
I think the best are
the best because I
draw coloured them well.
Wren



My favorite bit was
the world ~~best~~ because
I painted it carefully.
Bertie W



I like my
rainbow hand
because I put
it. Adriana



I like my
rainbow
~~and~~ my hands
~~and~~ my hands
and my hands.
Olivia



The children's beautiful artwork. Some of Class 2 are also showing their plan - it's hard to draw so large and clear. They came out so well and the children devoted lots of time to get it just right so their message was clear.



Peace and Reconciliation

I think mine was good because I did it well.
Albert W.



FB
I think it was good at the rainbow and the cross and I liked doing it.

I like doing painting and colouring the Big cross of North.
GW





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My favorite bit was drawing the
different colors as I had to sketch and
on top before painting because I love an
eye my creative skills and making beautiful pieces
of art.
DV