



# **Spiritual Garden Development**

**at**

**Horbury Bridge CE J&I Academy**

**2015**

## Dragon/peace garden



## Totems and planters themed to the senses:

Sight: colourful flowers

Taste: strawberries, veg



Touch: textured plants

Smell: herbs, fragrant plants



Sound: large rain shaker wheel



- Spiritual 'sense':  
horseshoe bench inscribed with the Lord's Prayer



Our Father, who

## Dragon:

- Curled 'wings' provide a slightly raised stage
- Planters for further themed plants
- 2 of the planters are used for sand and water



Development of outdoor reflective/spiritual areas to complement well established classroom areas

Day 1

Collective Worship led by 'Hand to Mouth Ministries' based on Creation and used to introduce the idea of using the outdoors and nature for reflection



Class sessions to explore children's ideas for activities and themes for reflective areas.

Children's familiarity with indoor areas and Hand to Mouth spiritual 'Journeys' was clearly evident in their responses, ideas and choice of themes

Theme: Sorry	Your wording: Get a piece of paper and write a sorry letter and then post it to god. ( <del>children can draw</del> ) (or draw a picture.)
Equipment needed: Post box. paper pencils	
Names: Mary, Sarah and Amelia Y4 Class 2	

Theme: Sorry

Your wording:

Write or draw what you are sorry for on the chalk board. Then, close your eyes and ask God for his forgiveness. Rub your picture or writing off the board. When you rub it off, it is like getting rid of the bad things you have done.

Equipment needed:

- a chalk board
- chalk
- chalk eraser
- basket or plastic box

Names: Alice (4r5)

Theme:

Remember

Equipment needed:

Mirror

Piece of paper

laminator

Your wording:

Take a look in the mirror and think about your family and friends.

While you're doing that pray to God about them.

When you have done you can say Amen if you want.

Names:

Joseph (6) Josh (6) Jake (6)

The sky  
The world

Food, everything, water, families  
Pets, fruit, wood that makes paper, fire

Theme:

Thank you.

Your wording:

Watch the windsack blow in the  
wind <sup>see the</sup> colours & say thank you  
to God for the things he has  
made & thank you for our  
homes & school

Equipment needed:

Windsack

Names: Cameron, Oliver, Harvey, Connor, Bailey  
Charlie, Sam, Peter 71/2.

- Children's ideas collated into similar themes and resources
- 3 sets of reflective activities and 'instructions' developed; one for each term of the year to keep areas fresh and maintain use
- Year 6 children's ideas prioritised so they would see them implemented
- Resources purchased/made to fit the areas and location of each planned.
- Pictures of the resources were added to the instruction cards

## Day 2

- Resources installed



Remember

Sit quietly and look at the beautiful colours on the windsock blowing in the breeze.

Sometimes when we reflect we remember people that we have met in our lives, sometimes those we miss.

Take some time to think about the good memories you have of those people you miss.



## Day 3 (immediately after Day 2)

- Hand to Mouth led sessions with each class and all staff, guiding them round the areas and explaining how they could be used
- Time given for children to use and respond





**Sorry**

We can all do things that we are sorry for or regret.

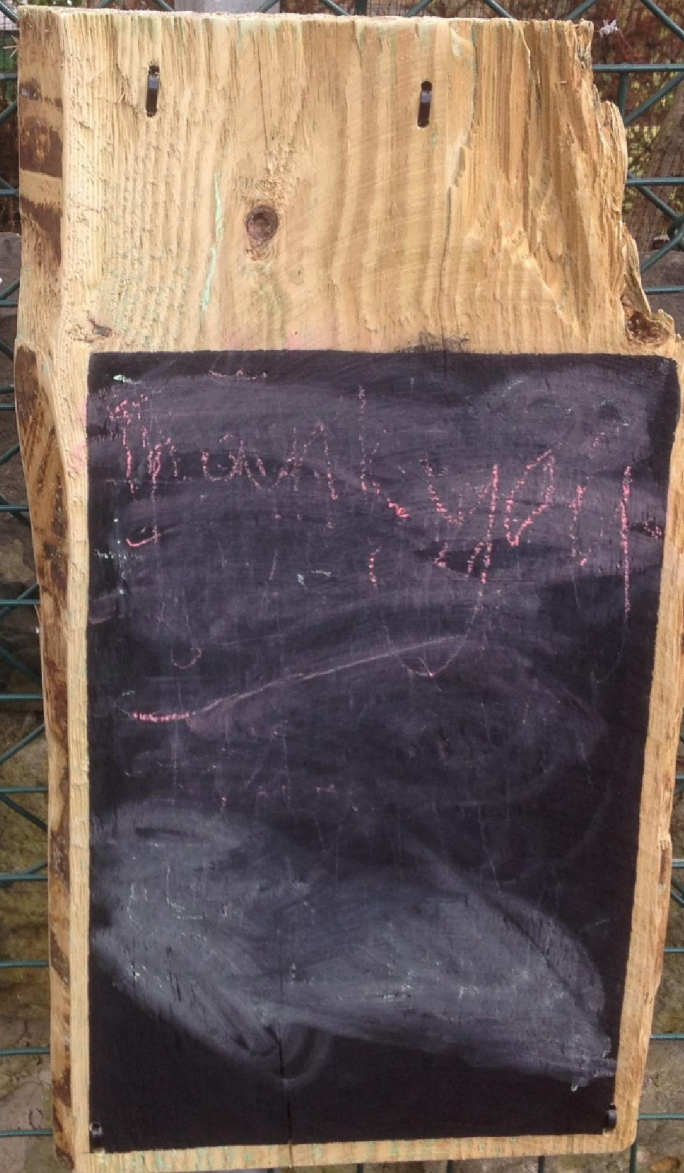
Think about what you have done and write or draw it on the chalkboard.

Close your eyes and ask God for his forgiveness.

Take the eraser and rub out your picture and you will know that God has forgiven you and you have got rid of all the wrong things you have done.

Please put the chalk and eraser back in the box and replace the lid.

This prayer station was based on an idea by ©2004 A. Henry & used by permission.







Sorry

Look at the help bear.  
There may be something you have done that has  
hurt something or someone.

Practise saying sorry to the bear for the hurts you  
have caused.

When you feel confident, go and apologise to the  
person or animal and also say sorry to God.

This poster is based on an idea by: Mike H, Judy H and Emily H





Thank you for family. Alice





- Some of the areas are within our 'forest school' area so it was important they didn't look out of place





We are  
special

Take a look at yourself in the mirror.  
You are so special and God loves you.  
God loves your friends too.

Your friends see your lovely face just as you see it  
in the mirror. Take some time to think of your  
friends and maybe you would like to thank God for  
them, or talk to him about something else.

When you have finished, make sure you leave here  
with a big smile on your face.

This prayer station was created on an idea by: Janna, Robert C, Chavis, Milton, John, Janice S, Joseph and Nathan M



These all-purpose signs want to praise  
Take a piece of paper that contains several  
lines of text. You can write their names on  
it at any time.  
When the signs are the first for all  
the  
**Praise**  
Thank and praise God for that person.  
You may say Amen when you have  
finished.



## Praise

Think of someone you want to praise.

Take a piece of fabric that reminds you of that person. You can write their name on it if you like.

Weave the fabric into the tree for all to see.

Thank and praise God for that person. You may say Amen when you have finished.



Thank you  
for fun times

Think of the fun times you've had this week. It's good to say thank you to God for our fun times.

Take one of the balls. Think of a fun time you have had. Throw the ball in the air then catch it as you shout out thank you to God.

Place the ball into the net as a reminder of everyone's fun times.

This prayer station was based on an idea by: Megan and David



A large cross was made from a split tree trunk as a focal point in the natural environment







Children's responses and comments show they are enjoying the areas and using them in a meaningful, spiritual way

