

## Stations of Creation for Reception and Year 1

To celebrate the Season of Creation and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si I have made some reflections for schools. The power point reflection is based on the 'Stations of Creation'. For Reception and Year 1 I have used an adapted version of Saint Francis' prayer of the creatures. They can be adapted and used any way you wish. I thought the ppt format would be easier to use in the class bubbles.

The reflections will complement the God Matter's Creation Unit and Catholic Social Teaching care for creation theme.

The power point is in three parts:

### Part 1 Collective Worship



The collective worship uses adapted words from the prayer Saint Francis wrote. In the prayer Saint Francis praises God for the sun, moon, stars, weather, wind, air, water and fire.

### Part 2 Thanking God



The children can go on a creation walk and we thank God for his wonderful creation.

### Part 3 How can they make a difference?



The children are asked how they can help Pope Francis care for the world. There are suggestions of how the children can help. The collective worship finishes with a prayer. At the end of the power point is the hymn 'He's got the whole world in his hands' which in normal circumstances the children could sing. Maybe the children could dance to the recording of this instead.

### Activities

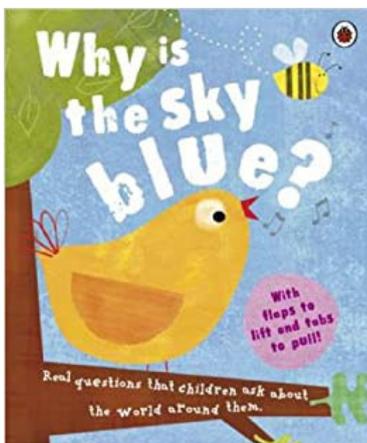
Before COVID 19 I would have asked the children to create something out of dough and then asked them how they would feel if someone messed up their creation. Instead you could talk to the children about good and bad choices such as dropping litter, running on flower beds, being cruel to animals and ask them whether it is a good or bad choice.

## Creation Walk

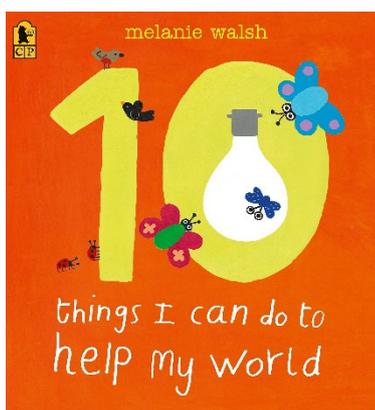
The children could go on a socially distanced creation walk as a whole class or in groups. If you have a woodland/garden area available, the children could make outdoor sculptures like Andy Goldsworthy or Richard Long.



## Books you could use



I used this book last year as a starting point for AT2 say what they wonder about and ask wondering questions about all of the areas of study and recognise that some questions are difficult to answer.



'10 things I can do to help my world' by Melanie Walsh has a planning unit in the 'Power of Reading.' One activity my Year 1 class loved last year was making toys out of junk modelling. They then wrote instructions of how to make the toy. They would not be able to make toys in school but they could make them at home and bring in pictures.

