

## **Working With Our Local Schools**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 some of children took part in a joint art and spirituality day which had been organised by the RE/Spirituality leaders at Birchington, Minster, Monkton and St Nicholas Church of England Primary Schools. The day was held at Birchington CEP. Four children and a member of staff from the three other schools came over in our minibus and spent the day with us. We started our day with a welcome drink and a biscuit where the children had a chance to meet and get to know each other. We then sat together and each school shared their Christian Vision, Values and Bible story. The children and adults were then organised into four groups, each group containing a child from each school. Their task was to work collaboratively to produce a piece of artwork depicting one of the schools' Bible story.

Following the artwork, the children once again came together to share their work, participate in a shared act of worship, and enjoy some songs. The day ended all too soon and the children, who had all been very shy at the start of the day, were all sad to say goodbye to their new-found friends.

Feedback from the children showed what a great success the day had been, not only in creating some super pieces of art but also giving our children the opportunity to work with new people, share new experiences and build self-confidence.



