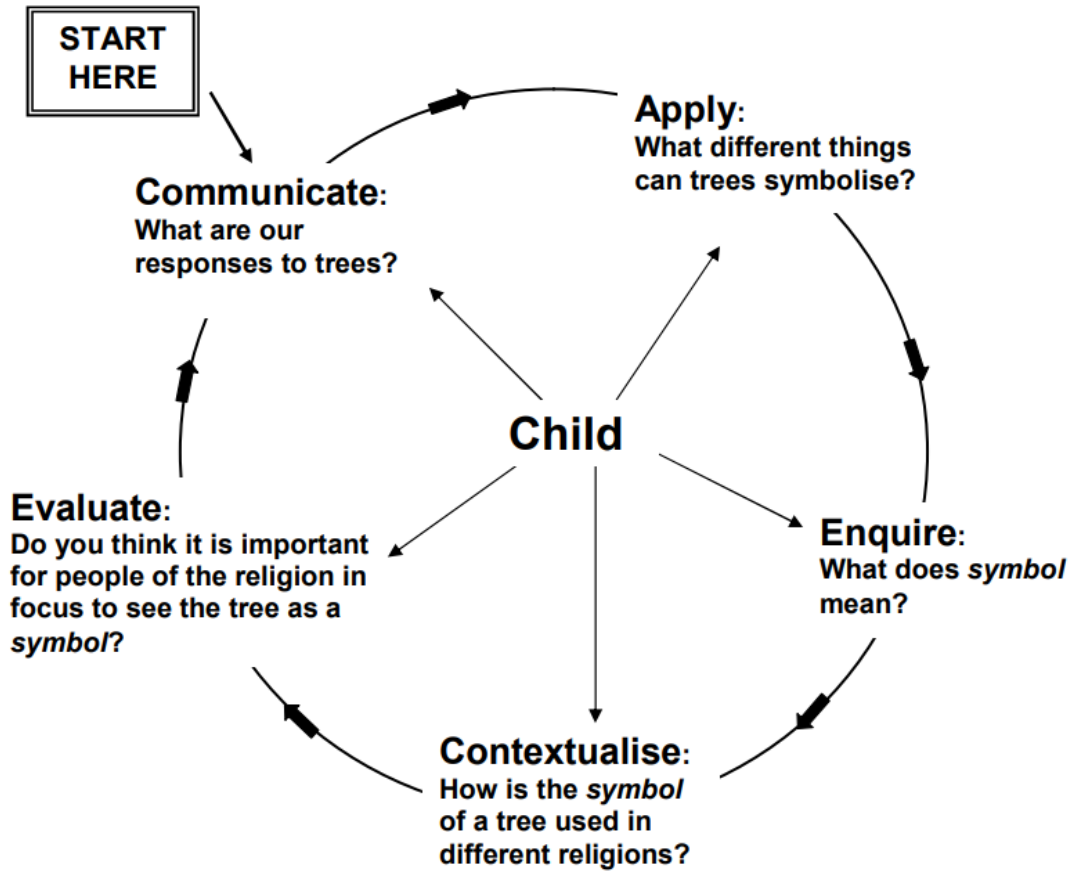


Year 3 – Autumn 1

Symbol – Trees as a Symbol



Retrieval Tasks (completed as a class discussion at beginning of each session)

Week 1

Name a place that is special to you:

“My home” “My bedroom” “The church” “My school” “My Nanny’s house”

“My football club” “My dance studio – where I practise”

Week 2

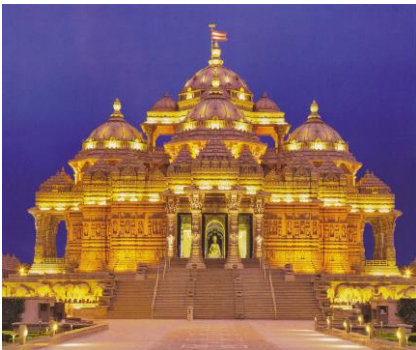
If your special place was destroyed, how would you feel and would you be able to replace it?

“Heartbroken” “Devastated” “Like something was missing” “Angry”

“Worried” “Empty”

“I’d find somewhere else that made me feel the same way” “I’d make something to remember my special place” “I’d go back and visit where it once was” “I’d create a new special place – but it wouldn’t be the same”

Week 3



What is this a picture of?

a temple

a school

a church

Which religion is it associated with?

Christianity

Islam

Week 4

Tick and Cross the statements below to show if they are true or false.

People take their shoes off before entering a temple. ✓

People offer foods to the gods in the temple. ✓

Hindus sound an alarm when they are ready to pray. ✗

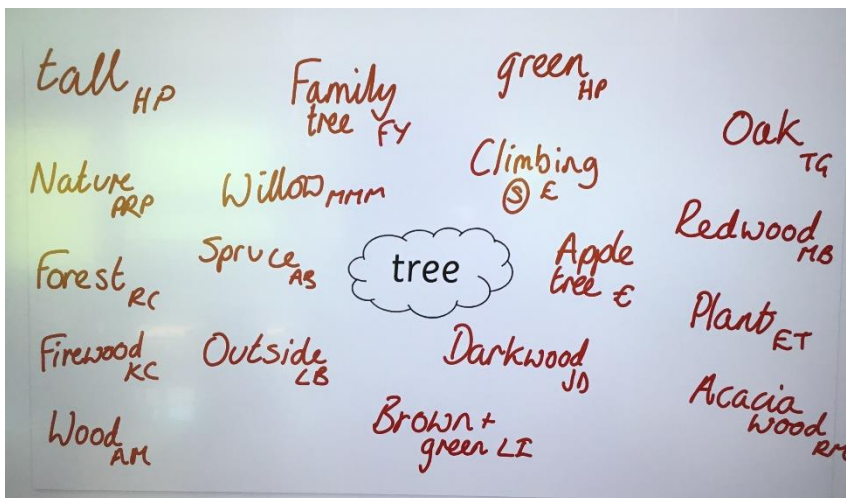
Step 1 – Communicate

What are our responses to trees?



To start the lesson, we worked in pairs to experience trees. We felt, smelt and explored various trees and discussed what made each tree different.

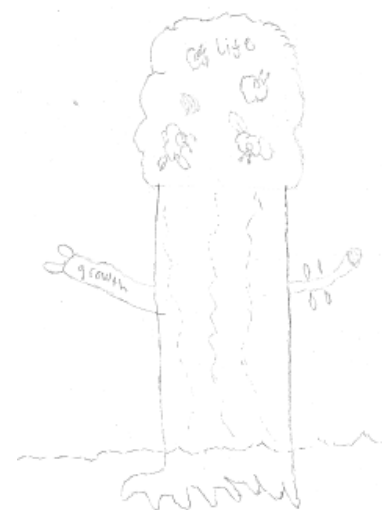
We then took turns to lie with our heads under a tree, looking up at the canopy. We discussed what we could see and how it felt.



Here are some of our observational drawings with matching descriptions:

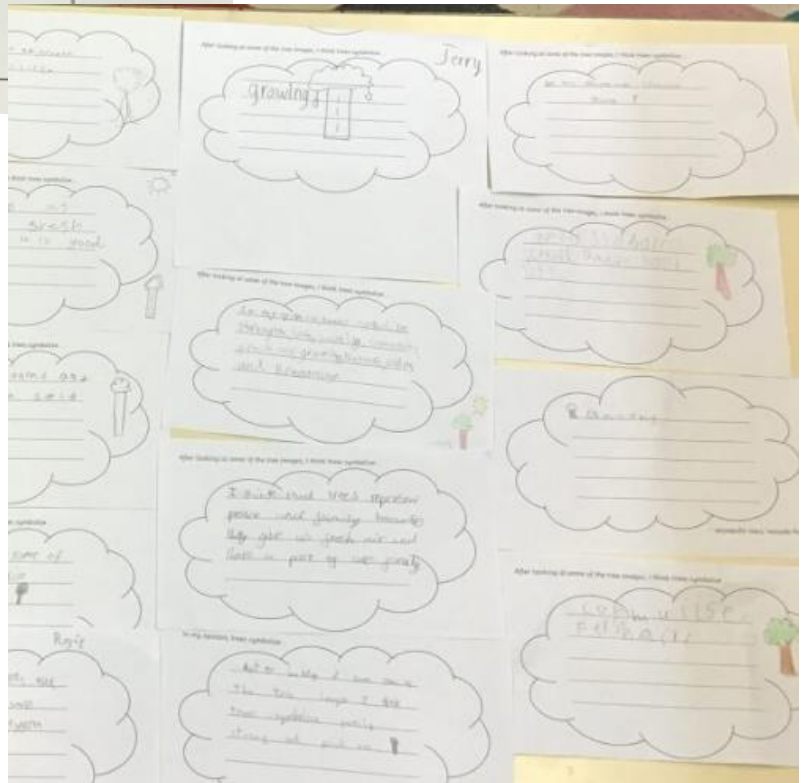
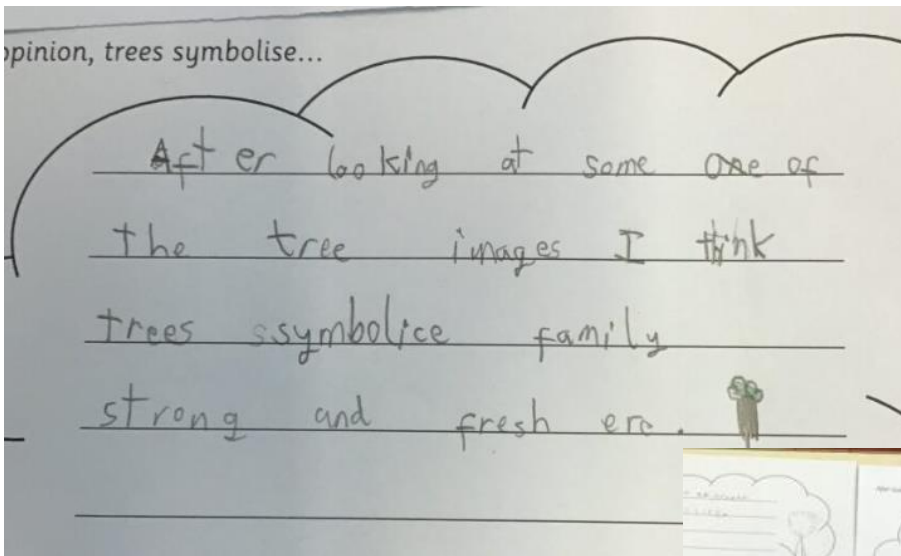
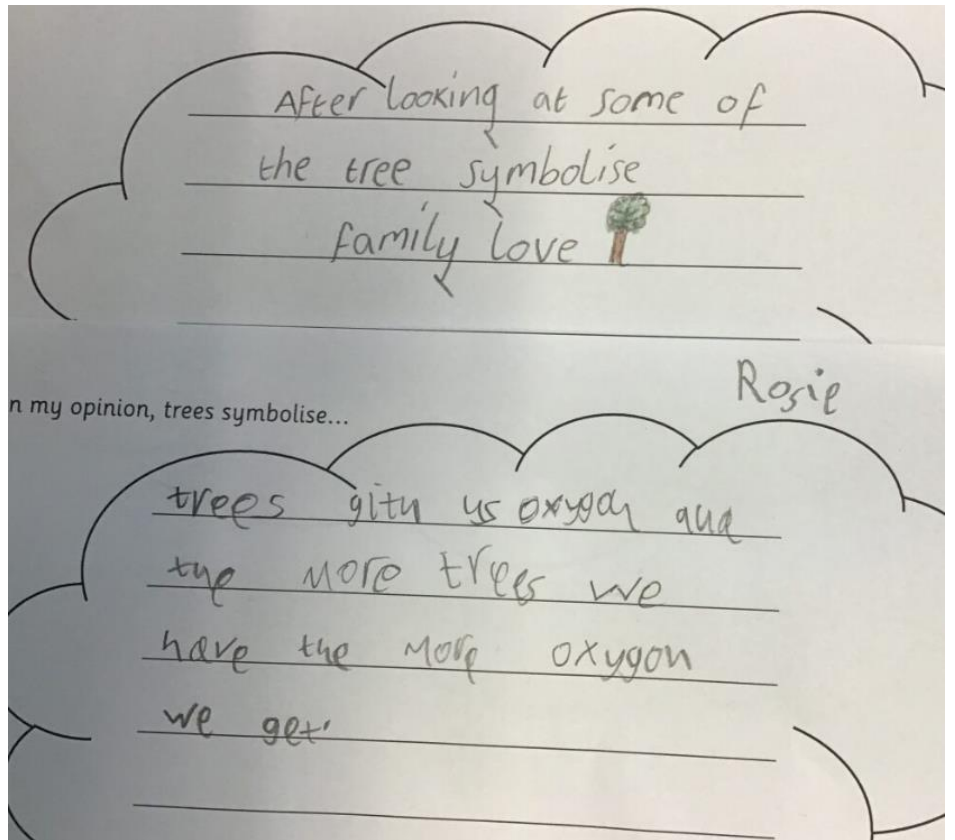
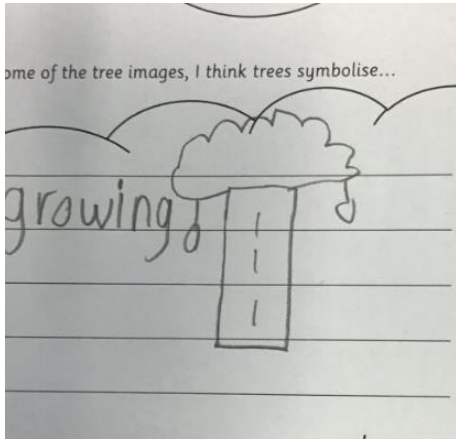


My trees
 strength wisdom
 growth connection
 life



Key questions that we explored throughout:

- What did you think of the trees you were exploring?
- Did your partner have the same reaction as you?
- What words might you use to describe the trees?
- Does everyone think the same? Why/why not?



Step 3 – Inquire

What does 'symbol' mean?

First of all, we looked at some images of symbols:



We discussed:

- What is a symbol? What does it mean?
- What is the difference between a sign and a symbol?
- Can a tree be a symbol?
- What do you think it could symbolise?
- What does it make people think about/bring to their minds?

In my opinion, trees symbolise.....

positivity life nature world community family
difference growing

After looking at some of the tree images and some other signs and symbols, I think trees symbolise.....

creativity environment life cycles strength home
life/living the world

Step 4 – Contextualise

How is the symbol of a tree used in different religions?

First, we listened to a story that is important to Christians, Jews and Muslims. We listened to the story calmly, in a relaxed position and with our eyes gently closed.



Would you pick the fruit? Why / Why not?

Yes, I would eat it because it is healthy P.R.P
That would be your last meal before you die K.C.

I wouldn't want to eat the fruits because I wouldn't want to die R.C.

What knowledge would you gain from the tree of knowledge?

Knowing what to eat.

What are some good things in the world? What are some bad things?

Plants growing / pretty flowers. M.M.M
New babies being born - A.M.
Family can help with jobs T.G.

Things dying MB
Some people might die early because
of viruses H.M.P.

Think about people in the world – do they usually do what they want or what they should do? Would lots of people pick the fruit?

Yes people would do what they are told
You would learn how to take responsibility so you can learn what you are doing.

We drew pictures of the Garden of Eden to show the tree as a **symbol**...



Step 5 – Evaluate

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