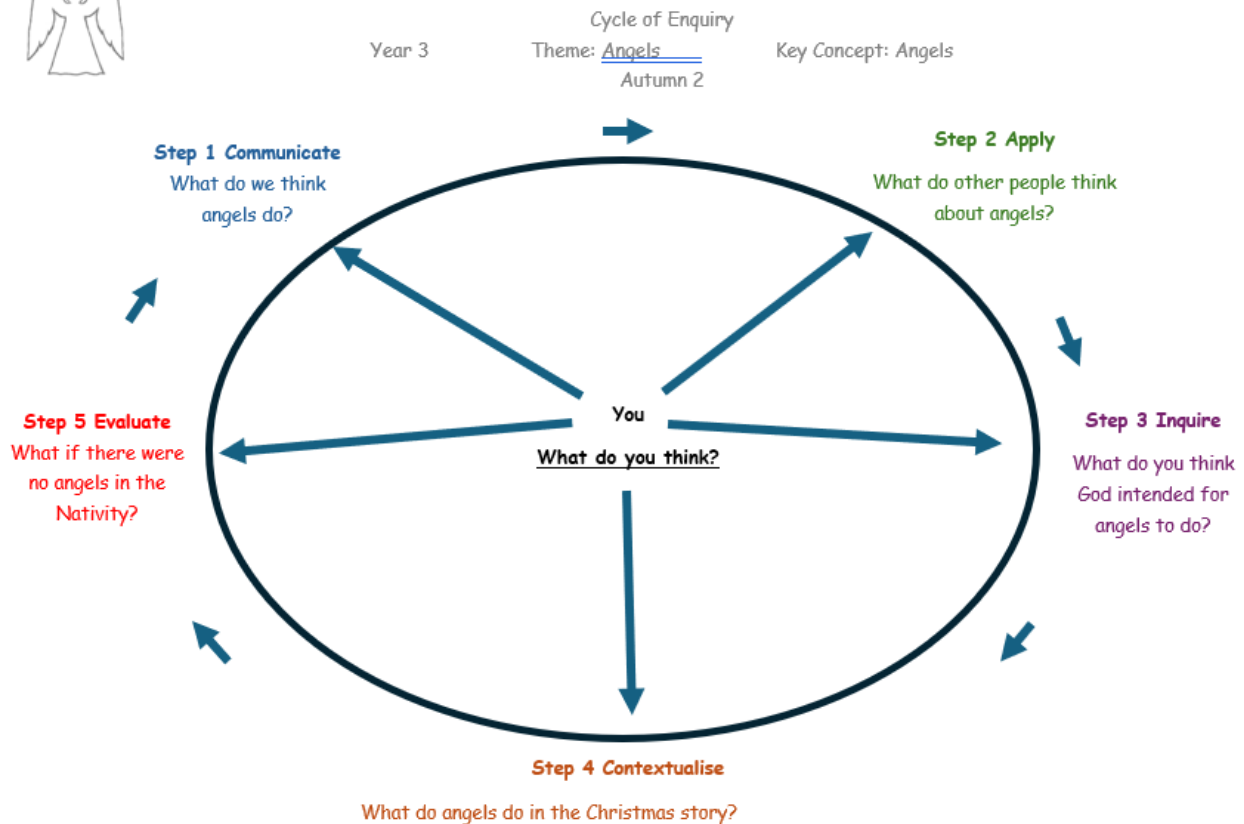


Year 3 – Autumn 2

Angels



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

Week 1

Name 3 things you must wait for:

“Christmas” “My birthday” “The bus” “My alarm” “Dinner to be cooked”
“An appointment – like the dentist” “Lunch time or break time”

Week 2

It is exciting when I am waiting for...

“My birthday because I get presents and lots of love from people”
“Christmas because Santa comes only once a year” “I see my whole family”

It is boring when I am waiting for...

“The bus – because there’s nothing to do”

“The dentist – because it’s not something fun to look forward to”

Week 3

What does ‘waiting’ mean to you?

“Being patient”

“Counting down the time – the days, the weeks or the minutes”

“Getting more excited as it gets closer”

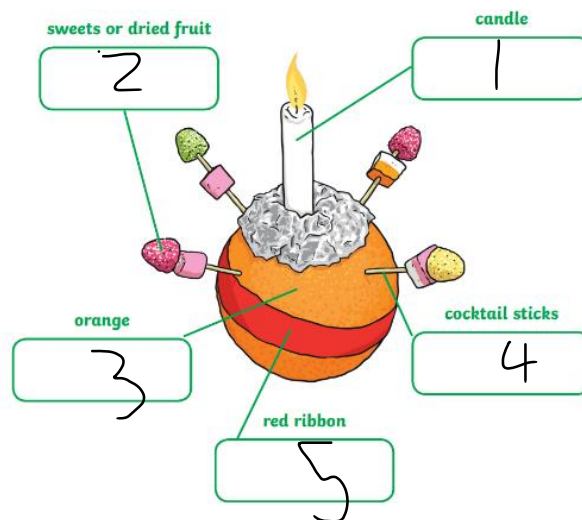
“Not getting cross or impatient”

“Waiting my turn for something”

Week 4

Label the Christingle:

1. God’s creations	2. Jesus (light of the World)	3. The World	4. The 4 seasons	5. Jesus’ blood and God’s love
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Week 5

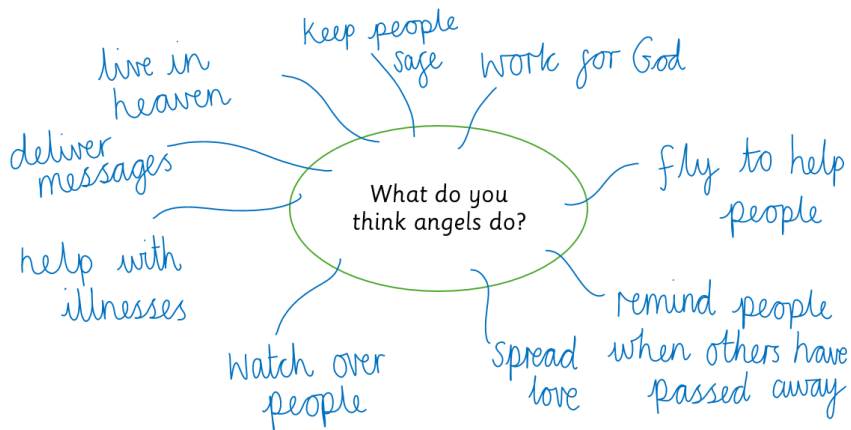
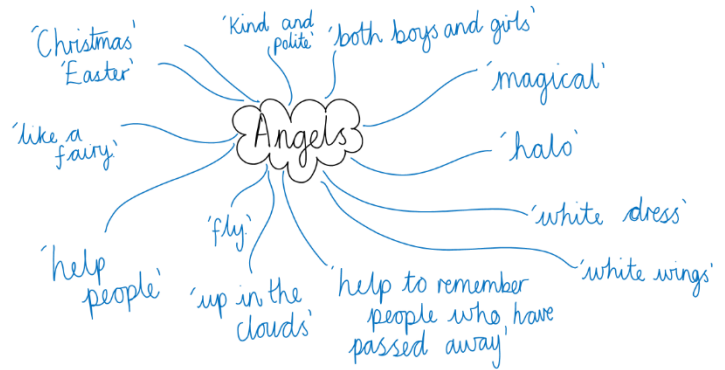
Why is waiting important for Christians during Advent? Tick all that apply.

Time for prayer and reflection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
So they can have a new chocolate everyday	<input type="checkbox"/>
It leads up to the birth of Christ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Step 1 – Communicate

What do we think angels do?

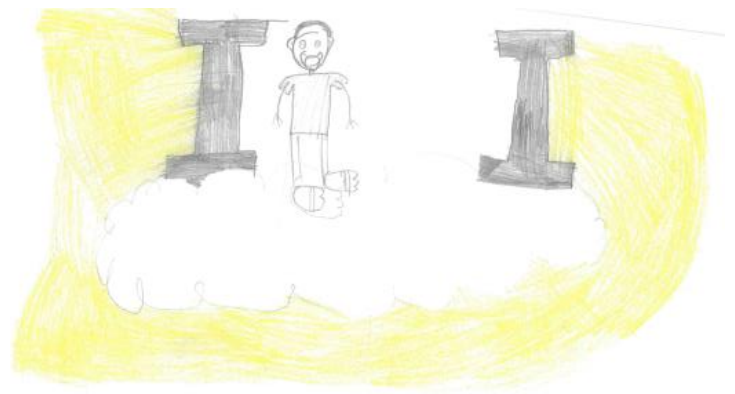
We started the lesson with a class discussion that captured our initial thoughts and ideas:



We visualised what we think angels do:



"Welcoming people to heaven"



"Protecting God"



"Watching over us from above"



"Sitting on top of the Christmas tree"



"Rising up to heaven when somebody dies"



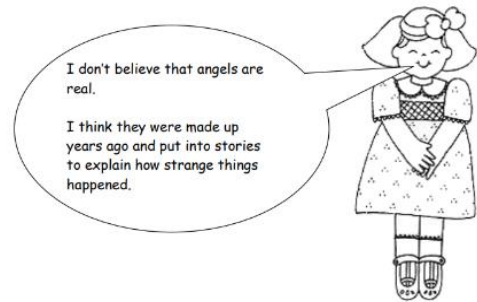
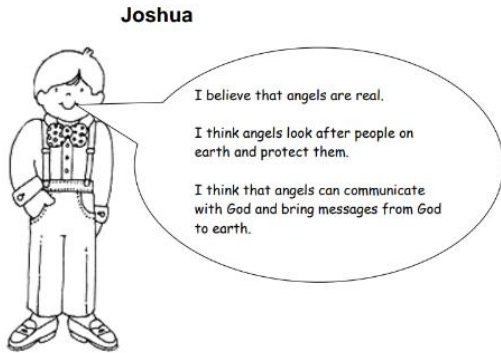
"Helping God"

Step 2 – Apply

How do other people talk about angels?

As a class, we look at a concept cartoon which shared the ideas of Joshua and Jessica. They both had different opinions and ideas about angels which affected how they felt in different situations.

Joshua



Joshua and Jessica were on their way to McDonald's when they suddenly heard the screeching of tyres and looked up and saw a car, out of control, heading straight for them. At the very last second the car swung back onto the road, just missing them.

- What might Joshua have thought about their escape?
"the angels saved them" *"the angels were watching"* *"angels protected them"* *"watching over them"*
- What might Jessica have thought about their escape?
"good luck" *"coincidence"*

Joshua and Jessica are going to a new school. They have heard some scary things about this new school. They both feel nervous.

- What do you think Joshua might think about to help him?
"angels will watch over them" *"the angels wont let bad things happen"*
"Joshua will feel safe and protected"
- What do you think Jessica might think about to help her?
"she might talk to a trusted adult" *"She'll feel more nervous"*

We then looked at some stories shared by people who have had angel sightings, angel experiences, dreams, and memories. We did this in pairs and annotated our thoughts and ideas.

Examples:

Angel Force

I was headed home to my children driving in the slow lane. The next thing I knew I was flying in the air in my Ford Windstar. I had no control. When my van landed, it looked like a crane put it there. It was in the ditch perfectly. I had little room to get out. I felt like some force had lifted me up out the ditch. I then saw this man who was so calm. He put a calmness in my heart. I never saw him again. I still can't explain how perfectly my van was in the ditch.—Momma

unusual
Angels
Strength + power
Doesn't happen on its own
An angel? God? - Looking out for her
Not a real person
There to calm her and make her feel better

Beloved Angel

I had an experience where I felt something touching my head in a strange but soft manner. I knew I received a blessing because I was coming from church that day. From time to time, I also see this little orb. And for some reason, I just have a feeling it is my angel, and whenever I see it I smile and say, "Amen."—Faith

This person is saying:

- sometimes they 'see' the angel
- say 'Amen' and smile.
- we all have our own angel.
- it is a blessing from God.

My Healing Angel

When I was very young, maybe 8 or 9, I went to bed one night with a severe earache. I woke my mother up several times for comfort but nothing made it better. I laid in bed with tears in my eyes and then suddenly the pain stopped. I opened my eyes and saw something like a cloud hovering over me. I was amazed but more so relieved. I knew what it was. I soon after fell asleep in peace.—M

This person is saying:

- the cloud 'angel' visited them.
- the angel helped her to not feel pain and to go to sleep.
- the angel appears as help from God.

Angels Are Among Us

My 15-year-old grandson and I were putting up garage sale signs several blocks down the street. When I got back in the car to head back home I looked at Dawson, my grandson, he was looking out straight ahead and asked if he could stay the night. No sooner than he asked the question, while driving, in a flash of an eye, I saw huge white angel wings encompass my windshield. At that very second, Dawson shouted, "Grandma, did you see that?" I said, "Yes, I saw huge angel wings covering my windshield." He said, "No, Grandma, I saw a ball of fire."

We were both shocked to have seen two different things. We are strong believers and have experienced many miracles but who is ready for something like this. No trees fell, no storm, why were there angel wings in front of me covering my side of the windshield? And, a fireball flash for him? We cannot understand this. But, awesome! I could actually see the inner wing with all its brilliance and feathers. It was huge! And, it was gone as fast as it came.—Dlapaust

Grandma
- angel wings
- covered the windshield
protecting

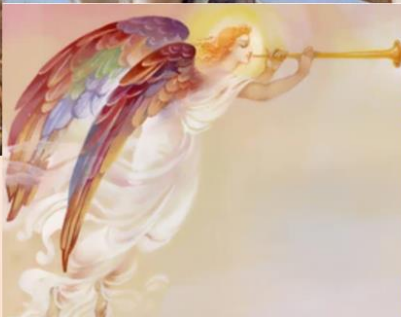
Dawson
- a fire ball
- hell?
Has Dawson made some wrong choices?
Warning

Step 3 – Inquire

What do you think God intended for angels to do?



What are the angels doing?



What can you see?

- help people
- be sensible
- to show everyone how they should behave
- to protect
- to decide if someone goes to heaven or hell
- to bring people to heaven
- to keep people safe
- be polite
- share good news

I think God intended for angels to.....

- to share messages from God
- to teach people about God
- to be guardians
- to bless people

- help people
- to bring good into people's lives.
- to keep people safe
- to bless people
- to bring people to heaven
- to keep people alive
- to heal people
- caring
- teach people about God

I think God intended for angels to.....

- be guardians
- giving signals or messages to people
- share good news
- protect people

Step 4 – Contextualise

What do angels do in the Christmas story?

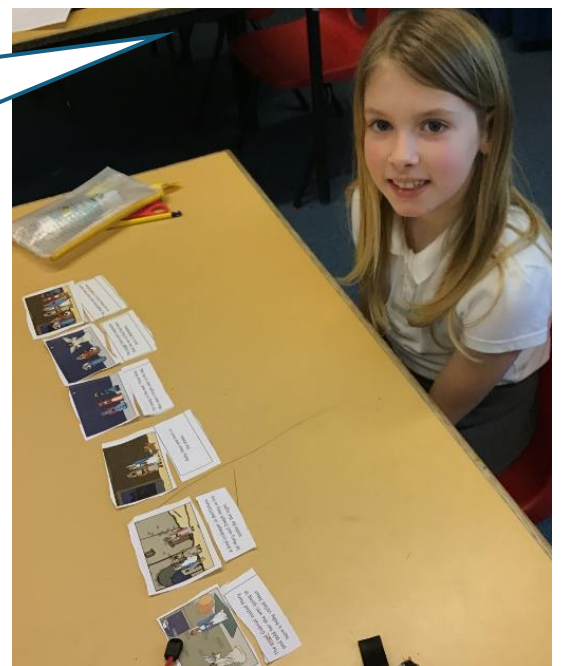
As a class, we re-read the Christmas Story using our class Bible. We listened carefully to when angels appear and their roles in the story. We considered what they did and how they impacted the story and events that took place.

Here we are sorting the events in the story and highlighting where angels appear:



The angel sent the message to Mary – telling her that she was going to give birth to God's son.

The angel told the shepherds that Jesus had been born in the stable.




Step 5 – Evaluate

What if there were no angels in the Christmas story?

After reading the Christmas story and discussing the importance of the angels and the messages they sent, we created 'Missing' posters to show our understanding of their importance.

The Angel Gabriel is

MISSING



Sent by: God

can be found: Dreams or imagination

Appearance: plain white robe theather covered wings

personality: helpful honest

Needed to: share messages
and to warn Mary

MISSING



Kind,
Trustworthy.

needed to
spread the
news about Jesus
Helps all,
Trustworthy.

Sent by god, Honest
Nice, name is gabriel,
sent to warn mary about
the futur.

MISSING



Name: Gabriel
MR

Sent by: God. Can be found:

Dreams or imagination

Appearance: delicate wings and

gentle smile. Can appear
in dreams. Needed to

spread the news about
Jesus

The Angel Gabriel MISSING



Last seen: unknown

Sent by: God

Can be found: Dreams or imagination

Appearance: blonde hair and white clothes

Personality: calm, Honest, Generous

Needed to: warn and help Mary

MISSING



The Angel
gabriel:

Sent by: god

can be found: Dreams or imagination

Appearance: gentle smile, halo, glittering wings

Personality: reliable, trustworthy and mindful

Needed to: prepare mary for birth

spread the news about Jesus

Gabriel

MISSING



mindful
Thoughtful
Generous
Honest
Supportive

Sent by god
can appeal in
your dreams.
Needed to share
messages

Codes:
yellow important
red really important

And Gabriel

MISSING

name: Angel
Gabriel



Personality:
Supportive
Protective
Honest

Sent to do:
Calm people
down
Support people
with people

Reason: why we need
her back: without her
no-one would be able to share.

Discussion points

“Without the angel, Mary would not have been sent the important message that she would be giving birth to baby Jesus”

“Mary wouldn’t have been able to prepare herself”

“Nobody would have known that the son of God had been born”

“The special news wouldn’t have been shared”