


Date: Monday 16 th October 2023	Value:	Leader: Teacher
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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Theme: Making a change To encourage us to take responsibility for looking after the environment.

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together: Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today; Be with us Jesus, in our worship Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p>  <p>Watch video clip and listen to music: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBrd_3VMC3c</p>
Engaging	<p>Preparation: Have available a bag of ‘clean’ litter, which will be tipped onto the floor during the assembly.</p> <p>The Starfish Story</p> <p>One evening, a man was walking along a beach when he spotted a young boy down by the shore. The man noticed that the beach was littered with starfish that had been washed up by a storm. The starfish were now stranded, with no hope of returning to the sea. As the man watched the boy, he noticed that the boy was picking up the starfish one at a time and throwing them back into the sea. The man was a bit puzzled. How did the boy think he could help by throwing back one starfish at a time when there were so many starfish in need of saving? It was an impossible task!</p> <p>The man walked across the sand to meet the boy. ‘What are you doing?’ the man asked.</p> <p>‘Saving the starfish,’ the boy replied.</p> <p>‘But how can you?’ responded the man. ‘There are so many here to save! What difference can you make?’</p>	

	<p>The boy picked up a starfish lying close to his feet and threw it back into the sea. As the starfish splashed into the water, the boy said, 'Well, I made a difference to that one!'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask the children if they understand what the story is trying to teach us. <p>Explain that the story teaches us that we can all make a difference to the world, no matter how big a problem can seem and no matter how small our actions may appear. Just like the boy in the story, we can change the world a little bit at a time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. In the story, the boy helped to protect the starfish by putting them back into the water one at a time. We can all help our planet by doing little things that make a big difference when you put them together. 3. In 2021, during the Summer, the School Council decided to do a whole school litter pick. We made a contribution in helping our planet by picking up litter in Shillingstone. We have also helped by collecting and recycling crisp packets and collecting a recycling using the recycle bin in the car park. They also made a change by improving the ECO wildlife garden. How did this help? Can we think of any other things we can do to make a change around school? 4. Our Christian vision helps us to remember that 'For the body is not one member but many.' This comes from the Bible 1 Corinthians 12:14. As Christians we want to be more like Jesus and 'make a change' so that the world is a special place.
Responding	<p>As Christians, we believe that the world was created by God for human beings to enjoy and take care of. Taking responsibility for planet Earth can seem like a huge job. However, just like the boy in the starfish story, we can all play our part by doing little things that add up to changing the world together.</p> <p><i>Prayer</i> Dear God, Thank you for the beautiful world that you created. Help each of us to take responsibility for our planet by making small differences in the world around us. Amen.</p>
Sending Out	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way, All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p> <p>SHILL: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many. All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p>

	Music is played
Hymn	One more step (Come and Praise CD2 No. 7)
Class follow-up	<p>Can the children remember the story of The Starfish?</p> <p>Use the starfish outline (below) to show how we can make a difference in our own lives that will have an impact on the world.</p> <p>What else can we do in school to make a change?</p> <p>Has this Collective Worship made you think that you will do anything differently in the future?</p> <p>In the starfish the children can draw or write.</p>

