

Year 3 Home Learning Bingo Card- Colour in the boxes to show which activities you have done. Please complete your work in your exercise book and you can share examples of your work on twitter or send to [teachers@st-benets.durham.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@st-benets.durham.sch.uk). I'm excited to see all of your lovely work. Miss Williamson.

**Week 7**

<p><b>Dear Diary.....</b> Keep a diary several times a week. Record the weather and what you have been doing.</p> <p>Remember to use exciting vocabulary and use conjunctions to extend your sentences.</p> <p>Add a picture at the end of each entry.</p>	<p>Go on Lexia for 15 mins a day</p>	<p>Go on Timestables Rockstar/ hit the button for 15 mins a day</p>	<p>Complete an English, Maths and one other subject on the BBC Bitesize daily lesson website: <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons</a></p>	<p>Write an autobiography of your life until now. Include key events, important people in your life and funny stories!</p>	<p>Take part in Joe Wick's PE lessons each day or your own activity.</p>
	<p>Practise your weekly spellings at least 3 times a week using the activity grid in your homework book.</p>	<p>Produce a piece of artwork in either 2D or 3D to represent any story in the Bible from either the Old or New Testament for the Year of the Word Competition Please submit your entry by emailing <a href="mailto:teachers@st-benets.durham.sch.uk">teachers@st-benets.durham.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>Read the story of Pentecost. (See below) Retell the story using a storyboard.</p>	<p><b>Skills</b> Are you learning a new skill? Send photos or a video so I can see.</p>	
<p><b>Reflection</b> Take some time for reflection. Play some calming music and write your own prayer.</p>	<p>Following the instructions at <a href="http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/">www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/</a>  Can you try any of the home experiments? Try writing a prediction and explain why you think these things happened.</p>	<p>Read your favourite book and write a book review.</p>	<p><b>Rights Respecting</b> As part of our Rights Respecting campaign can you do your own little litter pick either in your own garden or whilst out on a walk?</p>	<p>Whilst out on a walk can you collect some natural materials e.g twigs, leaves to create your own artwork?</p>	

## Background Notes for Parents- RE

### About the Theme

#### Pentecost

In this theme the children learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit and serving as a way of life.

Easter Sunday is the beginning of the Easter Season which lasts for 50 days. The celebration of the Ascension and Pentecost completes the Easter story.

#### Ascension

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection and told them that he was going back to his Father in heaven. Before Jesus leaves them, he gives his followers a mission. Jesus tells his disciples to be his witnesses. They are to "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15, 16)

The disciples cannot carry out their mission of spreading Jesus' message to the ends of the earth without help. Therefore, Jesus tells his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they receive power from God. This power is God's Holy Spirit, who Jesus says will come after he goes away. After Jesus ascends into heaven, the disciples wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

#### Pentecost

Pentecost (or 'Shavuot' as it is called in Hebrew) is a Greek word meaning 'fiftieth'. The Jewish 'feast of weeks' was held fifty days after the beginning of the grain harvest. It was a thanksgiving feast, celebrating the end of the harvest and commemorating the day God gave the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Jesus had told his disciples that it was important that they carry on his mission after he was gone. He promised he would give them the strength of his Spirit to do this. At Pentecost the Church celebrates Jesus fulfilling that promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide and help his disciples to understand all that he has taught them. It is celebrated 50 days (7 weeks) after Easter Sunday and brings the Easter season to an end.

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost changed the frightened disciples into witnesses who could speak out with courage. The Holy Spirit strengthens the Church today in its mission to continue the work of Jesus and proclaim the gospel to the whole world. Christians are called each day to accept and live lives of joyful service through the power of the Spirit in their lives.

Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and, in a special way, in the community of believers, which is the Church. It is the work of the Spirit to help people to hear God's message and to live Jesus' way of service. The Feast of Pentecost is the celebration both of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses in the world. It is sometimes called *the birthday of the Church* because, filled with courage given by the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus marking the beginning of the Church.

**Activity:** Share the story of Pentecost with your child

'When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong and powerful wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are

*talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from many different countries yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" Amazed and confused, they kept asking one another, "What does this mean?" But others made fun of the believers, saying, "These people are drunk!"*

*Then Peter stood up with the apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd. "Fellow-Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. These people are not drunk, they are filled with God's Holy Spirit."*

*This is what the prophet Joel spoke about: God says: "I will pour out my Spirit on everyone and they will proclaim my message." Awe and wonder came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.'*

*Acts 2: 1-18, 43*

*Go back through the passage and help your child highlight all the words in the passage which describes people who are bursting with energy or have no energy. Your child can then retell the story using a storyboard.*