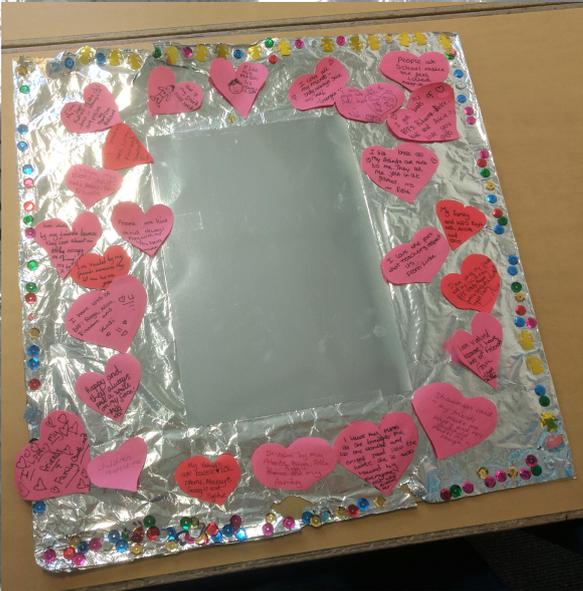


# Prayer Spaces

Prayer spaces enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life's questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative, and interactive way.

"Children were engaged, they had ownership of prayer spaces, and there was a clear feeling of inclusion for children of different religions."

Year 6 Teacher



Taking a broadly Christian perspective as a starting point, prayer spaces give children and young people an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment.

A prayer space is usually (but not always) a classroom sized area that has been transformed for an afternoon, a few days, or a week with a range of creative activities that encourage personal reflection on issues such as forgiveness, injustice, thankfulness, big questions, identity, and stillness.

With the support of an SCM Team Leader, a Prayer Space can be created by either a small group of pupils (such as a schools' Spiritual Council) or by a whole year group (often as part of their Question of Faith day.)

At SCM, we are happy to set up a Prayer Space for your school, as either a temporary or more permanent fixture. Alternatively we can work with pupils in designing and creating their own Prayer Space. This gives pupils ownership over the space and responsibility in guiding their peers through times of prayer and reflection.

Our Prayer Spaces follow the values outlined by 'Prayer Spaces in Schools', providing activities and resources to complement a schools' SMSC and RE provision.

