**Family**

Domestic Church

Our BIG question:

Where do I come from?

Write your ideas on our class blog.

Scripture

There was a famine in Bethlehem where Elimelech and his wife Naomi lived, so they and their two sons moved to another area of their land. Both her sons married local girls, Ruth and Orpah. Naomi’s husband and both sons died, so she decided to return to Bethlehem. She told her daughters-in-law Ruth and Orpah, to go back to their families. Orpah left and returned to her family, but Ruth told Naomi that she would stay with her and take care of her. She said “Wherever you go, I will go with you. Wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people and your God shall be my God.”

Naomi was grateful for Ruth’s kindness and fidelity, so they both travelled to Bethlehem. When they got there, Ruth went out into the fields after the harvest to glean - that is to see if there was any corn left behind - to feed Naomi and herself. One day whilst she was gleaning, she met Boaz who owned the field. Boaz was very impressed by Ruth’s love and care for her mother-in-law, Naomi, so he purposely made sure that more corn was spilt so Ruth would have plenty to take home for them to eat.

Boaz loved Ruth and asked her to marry him. They were married and had a son named Obed. Obed then had a son called Jesse, who was the father of David.

(God’s Story 3, page 37 The Book of Ruth)

Activities

* Would you like Ruth as an ancestor, explain why?
* Discuss your family tree with your family

Questions

* What positive message about the family of the school is put across in the classroom?
* How does the school ensure that when it welcomes a child, it welcomes that child’s family?
* In what ways can the partnership between home and school be developed?

**Prayer and Reflection**

Father, creator of all,

you ‘ordered the earth’ to bring forth life

and crowned its goodness by

creating family life.

Teach us the beauty of human love,

show us the value of family life

and help us to live in peace

with everyone.

Amen.