

Religion

What do you understand about 'Paganism'? What is the difference between Paganism and Christianity? How did Christianity effortlessly assume the pagan festivals?

This was followed by having a look and feel of crystals.



Paganism

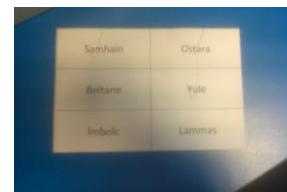
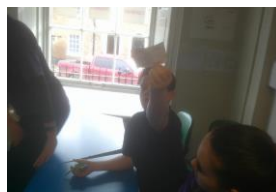


The children had a wonderful day learning all about the Pagan celebrations, as well today the children have explored religions and completed some incredible work to showcase this.

Traditions:

We looked at the part light and darkness played in the annual pagan festivals and how these were celebrated. Lighting fires was very common!! What was particularly interesting was how later Christian festivals were overlaid onto the pagan calendar – many of our Christian festivals take much from their thousands of years old, pagan past!!

To finish off the children enjoyed playing a game of bingo.



FUN FACT!

Some of the Christian festivals have similarities with pagan ones. For instance Easter is the celebration of Christ resurrection whereas Ostara is the Pagan celebration of the rebirth of spring.

Quotes:

"I believe in the crystals and the healing powers."- PL

"I follow the Paganism religion"-EM

"I am excited to try the seeds and bread"- EW

"I have loved making my wreath"- MH
All children have made their own wreaths to celebrate paganism in style of wicca.

Art

For Art, the Children learnt about witchcraft and how to make a wreath in the style of Wicca.

“Wicca is an old English word for witch”. Students could also explain what would happen to women if they were taken to the river to prove if they were witches. If they did not drown, they were witches.



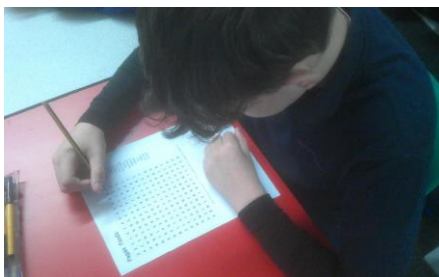
Pagan cuisine:

This morning the pupils enjoyed got to explore and taste some pagan food.

Sunflower seeds, seeded bread and pumpkin seeds.

The children learnt about the Pagan food and Spring Equinox and the rules of their diets.

Weeds from our garden (nettles and dandelions) are also used then their diets. Dandelions are very high in vitamin A and C. They had some fun completing a root vegetable word search.



Music

What is your favourite musical instrument?

Today the pupils have listened to a variety of pagan songs. Some old and some quite modern, based around the coming of spring. Once listened to the music the children then got to experiment with different instruments such as Steel drum, Djembe, Keyboard and Bass drum.

