



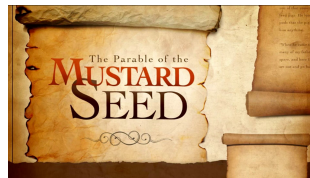
WORD OF THE WEEK

Jesus said:

What is God's kingdom like?

What story can I use to explain it?

It is like what happens when a mustard seed is planted in the ground. It is the smallest seed in all the world. But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. It even puts out branches that are big enough for birds to nest in its shade.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

This reading is being used in Thursday's Year 7 Mass of Welcome. The Parable of the Mustard Seed teaches us that all of us are equal in God's Kingdom. It doesn't matter where we are from, what race we are, how much money we have, what we look like etc. God's love is for everyone.

In the Parable, the Mustard Seed starts off very small but grows into a large tree. It becomes so big that all the birds can build a nest in its branches.

God's Kingdom is just like this. From small beginnings with Jesus and the disciples, it has grown so that the Church is truly international. It is diverse and all are welcome. All Hallows is a diverse community. We are all different, with different gifts and talents, but we are all welcome and all have a part to play in our community.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT...

- What makes you so different to those around you?
- Why is it a positive thing that we are not all the same?
- How should we treat people who are different to us?
- Have you ever been negative to people who are different from you?
- Is there more we can do as a school?



SOMETHING TO DO...

Go out of your way this week to talk to somebody in your class that you would not normally talk to.
Find out three things that you have in common!



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

YEAR 7 MASS OF WELCOME

ON Thursday night we complete our induction of Year 7 with their Mass of Welcome in the Sports Hall.

Breakfast with God in the Junior Dining Room on Friday at 8:35am. Come along for tea, toast and prayer.

