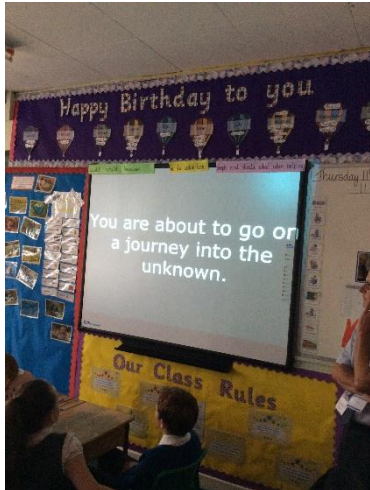


CAFOD Workshop: The Journey of a Refugee

After the Harvest Service on **Thursday 11th October 2018** Year 5 were visited by Peter McCann who works for CAFOD.



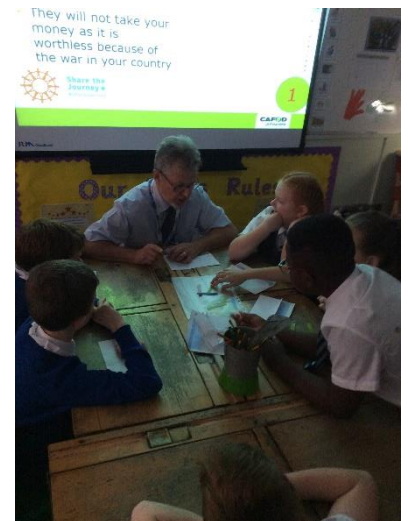
During the workshop, Peter took Year 5 on a journey where they had to put themselves in the shoes of a refugee.

They worked in groups of 6, each of them playing different roles within a family (e.g baby, child, teenager, auntie, dad, mum). They then had to sort through many items which are found in a house, before deciding on only 6 items to take, ready for them to flee their homes.

After this, many terrible things happened on their journey. They had the youngest family member whose belongings they couldn't take on the boat, so they had to split into groups of 4 in each family, which meant they had to decide which two family members would travel on different boats.

Next, they had to pay to get onto the boat but couldn't use money so they had to forfeit their most valuable item from each family member in order to have a seat, water got into the boat and they lost some more items.

This proved very difficult, many of the pupils were very touched by this as they were thinking about if this had actually happened to them in real life.



There were many moments of reflection after the service when Year 5 looked at headlines from current affairs which explained how tough the journey was for the refugees. They reflected on many of the words that Pope Francis had spoken. They had three 'I wonder' questions that were shared and discussed enabling the class to really think about this experience.

Year 5 really enjoyed this workshop and learnt many different things.

Taylor said **“I didn’t realise how hard it was to be a refugee.”**

Mia said **“I found this heart-breaking because I couldn’t imagine leaving my family.”**

Lee said **“I would want to take my dog if I had to leave home but I know it wouldn’t be the best possession to take.”**

