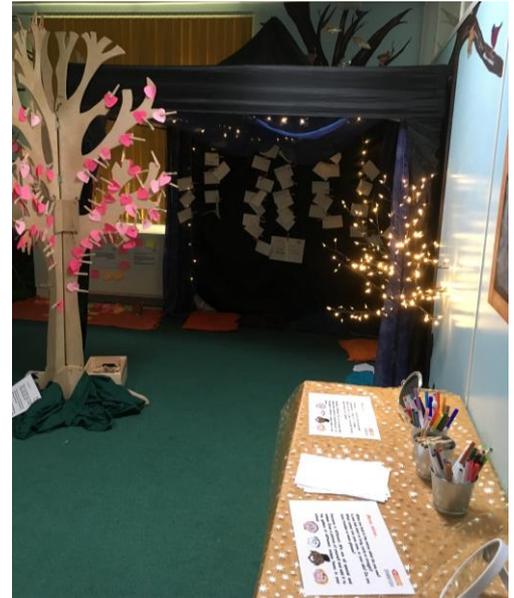


What is a Think! Space?

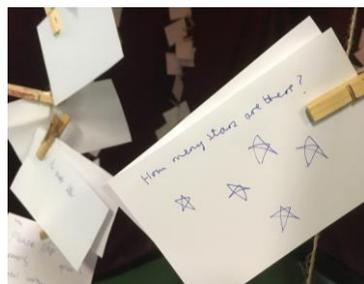
A space to think, reflect, wonder, ponder and pray. An opportunity to explore beliefs and values, ourselves and others, reflection and prayer.

Think! Spaces have been appreciated in many schools as a way to give time to the important area of spiritual development. After planning with school staff, the SparkFish team takes over a room in the school for several days. We make the space look special and set out a variety of simple activities which quietly prompt deep responses from children and young people.

Think! draws on rich Christian traditions of reflection and prayer in a fully open and inclusive way. The approach develops skills of personal reflection by asking questions about our world and our lives, allowing students to make their own meaning and draw their own conclusions.



The activities in a Think! Space provide students with an opportunity to reflect on different aspects of life in a variety of different ways. They provide a unique opportunity for students to express their own beliefs, ideas and values, feelings and experience in a variety of creative ways. The Think! format is effective with all ages. The activities vary to suit the students' maturity, but the response is remarkably similar. They enjoy the



freedom to explore at their own pace, to take time to reflect, to be quiet and – if they wish – to pray.

As part of spiritual development, students need space to express their faith or doubts. One activity always draws out profound responses: "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?" The task engages young people, whatever their personal belief. They ponder big questions about the origin, meaning and wonder of life, pain and injustice, joy and love.

"Thank you so much to you and all the SparkFish team involved with the Think! workshops this week. I had such good feedback from the teachers. Everyone really enjoyed it."

- Teacher at Holmesdale Infant School, January 2018

"I liked the time given for silence... It makes me take time to breathe and be happy for what I have... It helps me think of all the nice memories I have had... It helps me get through the sad things... I love the fact that you have peace and time to pray... I wish we did this every day... Thank you SparkFish lady!"

- Pupils of FurzeField Primary School commenting on Think! January 2017

Think! is adaptable to the needs of your school and students. It has been valued in community, faith and independent settings. We have tailored it to the needs of students approaching transition to a new school, and to particular seasons or themes. We have set it up in classrooms, halls, libraries and even a headteacher's office.

If you feel that Think! might help your students, we would love to come and chat to you about a Think! space, with your own school at the heart of the planning. Please contact the SparkFish office by emailing Think@sparkfish.org.uk

Think! Space Booking Agreement

SparkFish are delighted to be able to offer Think! Spaces free of charge and we are so pleased that you would like to arrange one for your students. To ensure that we are able to run for many more years and maintain a great standard for all schools to enjoy, we have put together a booking agreement with some guidelines and information.

Please read through all of the information, sign at the bottom and return with your booking request to Think@sparkfish.org.uk

SparkFish are able to provide:

- The design and resourcing of your Think! Space
- Staff and volunteers who are DBS checked
- Staffing of your Think! space
- Set up and take down of your Think! Space
- PAT tested electrical equipment
- After the Think! space we will leave any artwork or written responses for the schools use

We require schools to provide the following:

- A reasonable sized, empty space.
- Parking for one car during set up and take down of the Think! space
- Assistance with moving equipment in and out of the school, where possible.
- A Think! Space timetable (KS1 children are allocated 20 minutes in the space and we can accommodate up to 10 children. KS2-4 children are allocated 30 minutes and we can accommodate up to 15 children).
- Timetables should be confirmed at least one week prior to the Think! Space commencing
- Think! spaces in Primary schools require a member of staff to accompany children, when possible
- A designated safeguarding lead for any concerns that may be raised during a Think! Space
- A key contact during our time at the school
- A member of staff to give SparkFish feedback on the Think! Space

Cancellation Costs:

- We are delighted to offer Think! Spaces free of charge to schools. However, a cancellation fee of £50 will be charged if bookings are cancelled with two weeks of the start of the Think! Space. This is due to the impact on staff, volunteers, and other schools. With enough notice we are able to reallocate your Think! Space to another school.

I have read and agree to these terms on behalf of

(Name of school)

Date:

Signed:

Contact Phone Number:

Email address:

SparkFish are a charitable trust supported by local churches and individuals. We do not charge for Think! Spaces but if you are able to make a voluntary contribution, it enables us to continue to provide the services we do and budget for staff.

For more information and to book a Think! Space, please email Think@sparkfish.org.uk