



St Cross Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

3 rd September	St Gregory the Great	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
4 th September	St Cuthbert	9 th October	St John Henry Newman
12 th September	Most Holy Name of Mary	10 th October	St Paulinus
21 st September	St Matthew, Evangelist	11 th October	St John XXIII, Pope
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	12 th October	St Wilfrid, Patron of the Diocese
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	15 th October	St Teresa of Avila
30 th September	St Jerome	17 th October	St Ignatius of Antioch
1 st October	St Therese of Lisieux	18 th October	St Luke, Evangelist
2 nd October	Guardian Angels	22 nd October	St John Paul II, Pope
4 th October	St Francis of Assisi	26 th October	Ss Chad and Cedd
	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	1 st November	All Saints

You could help your children by:

- talking about how we can look after the world, e.g. recycling, not dropping litter, conserving energy and how we can care for plants and animals
- look at the trees during the autumn season and talk about the different colours. You could collect leaves to make a collage or painting.

Reception Class, Year 1, and Year 2

will use the new Religious Education Directory, To Know You More Clearly.
This term's focus is:

Branch 1 Creation and Covenant



In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

Reception: Creation and Covenant

The children will be introduced to the Bible- what it is, what it is used for and why it is special. They will read Genesis 1 to learn about the story of Creation and will deepen their understanding of how God made the world. They will begin to sequence the story and will consider how we can look after God's world. The children will develop a sense of belonging when discussing their family and will discuss how we are all made and loved by

God. They will discover that we can be welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of baptism. The children will learn about prayer and learn how we can respond to God's love by making the sign of the cross.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is
- encourage them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.

Year 1 - Creation and Covenant

HEAR The Creation story in Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26 as an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world. • The opening of the Nicene Creed 'I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible'. • An introduction to the ideas presented in Laudato Si' 13.	BELIEVE That all that is comes from God. • God is our Father. • God's love and care for humanity is experienced through the beauty and order of Creation. • Prayer is a way we draw closer to God.	CELEBRATE That praying is a way people draw close to God. • That, as a community, the Church prays the Creed and the Our Father to pray to God and worship him.	LIVE Pupils will know that the Church teaches: • God wants us to love and care for the world because the world is God's gift to us. • Caring for the world is one of the ways we love and care for each other. pupils will explore: • How a community in another part of the world cares for Creatio
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Year 2 Creation and Covenant

HEAR Pupils will have encountered the following key texts • The story of Noah, focusing on God's covenant (promise) with Noah and all living beings in the sign of the rainbow (Gen 9:7-17).145 • LS 71 'Through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to	BELIEVE Pupils will know that the Church teaches • God makes a covenant (promise) with Noah to save all living things. • That people in the story of Noah turned away from God and chose to act badly; this is behaviour called sin. The Sacrament of Baptism is when a person becomes part of the Christian family and promises to love God. • That the Christian Bible is split into	CELEBRATE Pupils will know • Psalms are prayers to praise God. • Sacraments are living signs of Jesus' love for all people. • Baptism is the first sacrament which welcomes people into the Christian family	LIVE Pupils will know • Ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other. • How a baby is baptised in the Catholic Church.
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restore hope!’ • Psalm 139
146 in praise of God’s Creation of each of us and his love for us.

two parts, the Old Testament, and the New Testament.

Year 3 - The Christian Family

“The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world.”

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The children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

The children will have a chance to:

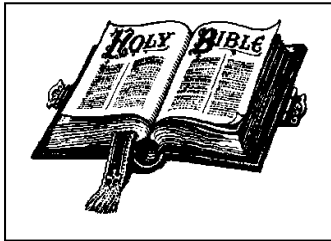
- reflect on what it means to be part of a family
- reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family

At home

You could help your children by:

- sharing your experiences about their Baptism. Look at any gifts or photographs that they received on their special day.
- discuss what it means to be part of God’s family

Year 4 - The Bible



“The Scriptures are the living Word of God, written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit received and faithfully handed on within the living Tradition and teaching of the Church.”

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The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God’s love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself. They will learn that the Bible is one story told

through many different books and they will learn about Moses, David and Jonah as well as learning how to find a Bible reference.

The children will have the chance to:

- explore how the Bible helps us to pray and experience how God speaks to us in the Bible
- participate in a liturgy and experience a guided meditation on a text from the Bible

At home

You could help your children by:

- reading some of the stories the children have covered in class

Year 5 - Gifts from God

“Each human person is unique and made in God’s image and likeness”

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The children will learn the story of Creation and the Fall in the Book of Genesis. They will learn that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all creation with love and respect. They will learn that there are times when we fail to be good stewards of creation. They will also learn that there are people who show great respect for creation and for the weakest members of society.

The children will have the chance to:

- appreciate how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for God.

- reflect on times we have failed to show respect and reflect on the gifts and talents God has given each of us.
- reflect on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts.

At home

You could help your children by:

- talking to the children about how they could care for creation and the environment

This half term Year 6 could be taught the unit on the Kingdom of God or the unit entitled Called to Serve

Year 6 – Kingdom of God

“Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things.” (Matthew 6:33)

The children will be introduced to Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom of God; a teaching central to his life and mission. They will be taught the concept of the Kingdom of God through some of the parables and miracles of Jesus and will explore the ways in which people respond to Jesus’ invitation to belong to his Kingdom.

The children will have the chance to:

- reflect on what the Kingdom of God is like and is not like
- understand some of the parables of the Kingdom
- reflect on the importance of responding to the invitation to the Kingdom
- reflect on the words and deeds necessary to show commitment to the Kingdom
- know there are three kinds of miracle
- know that Jesus’ miracles reflected the beginning of the Kingdom and show us what God is like

At Home

You could help your children by:

- asking them to explain the meaning of the Kingdom of God
- discuss the parables and their meaning
- read a miracle story and discuss what it tells us about God

Year 6 – - The Kingdom of God

“The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble heart.”
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The children will learn about how Jesus was sent to ‘preach good news to the poor’. They will develop their understanding of who is called and what they must do to enter the kingdom of God. They will learn about the signs of the kingdom of God and to whom Jesus promises the kingdom of God to.

The children will reflect on ways to promote the values of the kingdom and how through words and actions they show how to live up to this commitment.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- discuss the importance of the kingdom of God
- discuss the many ways in which we can show mercy and compassion.
 - chat about people who can help spread the kingdom of God

