

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2018

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY 4 WEEKS :10TH SEPTEMBER — 5TH OCTOBER

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Years 1 and 2	FAMILIES - God's love and Care for every family
Years 3 and 4	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 5 and 6	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it **"We show God's Love to one another."** Include those who have died.

JUDAISM 1 week : 8th October—12th October

Pupils from will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING 4 WEEKS : 15TH OCTOBER—16TH NOVEMBER (WITH HALF TERM)

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Years 1 and 2	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Years 3 and 4	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Years 5 and 6	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage: commitment and service

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage about their memories of this celebration.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING 4 WEEKS: 19TH NOVEMBER—14TH DECEMBER

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Years 1 and 2	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Years 3 and 4	VISITORS - Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus
Years 5 and 6	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for the promised one

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family prepares for and welcomes visitors to your home.. Use the CAFOD or Mission website to get a religious Advent calendar.

IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1st November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(25th November)

ADVENT

(Begins 2nd December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM

Assemblies - Parents welcome

Wednesday 10th October Y3/4FM
Title: World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 17th October Y4D
Title: Year of the Eucharist

Friday 16th November Y5/6B
Title: *Children In Need*

Friday 30th November Y3M
Title: *St Andrew*

Aspire Day One

Tuesday 2nd October

All children in EYFS and KS1 will take part in activities linked to their focal person this term; Jesus

All children in KS2 will be allocated new Aspire teams and will study their focal person for the year; Archbishop Oscar Romero, Malala Yousafzai, Saint Theresa, Dr Martin Luther King, Noel Chavasse or Mo Farah

Ask your child about their new team!

Stay and Pray

This year, we'll be seeking lots more opportunities for you to stay and pray with us. These would be perfect occasions to mark special times in our Liturgical Calendar as a school family. This term presents itself with two such opportunities:

Feast of Christ the King

Friday 23rd November

To mark the end of the Liturgical year, we will be holding a service in recognition of this important feast. Join us afterwards too for our Rewards Assembly and a cup of tea.

Gold Star Service -

Monday 3rd December

This service marks the beginning of an important season in our liturgical year; Advent. The service will consist of two linked parts. The first will be at 9.00am and the second at 2.45pm. More details to follow.

Advent 2018 — The Posada

As is our custom, all children will have the opportunity to take home the Posada during Advent. Would you give Jesus, Mary and Joseph a home for the night?