

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary

RE Newsletter 1

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:

8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	2 nd October	Guardian Angels
21 st September	St. Matthew	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	9 th October	St John Henry Newman
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	12 th October	St Wilfrid
30 th September	St. Jerome	13 th October	St Edward the Confessor
1 st October	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	15 th October	St Teresa of Avila
		18 th October	St Luke

Throughout Ordinary Time: Autumn we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

The Harvest - the Fruits of Human Work - and the Reverent Use of Creation

Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, All Victims of War, Young People

Reception- God's World

"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love"

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This half term, the children in the Reception classes will be learning about God's world. Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it.



They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us.

They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.

At home

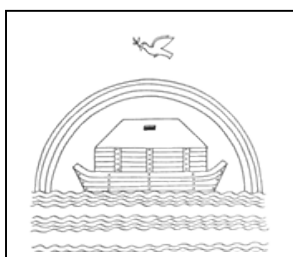
You could help your children by:

- 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.

Class 2 - God's Great Plan

"As the first action of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creation is the first step towards the covenant relationship God seeks with every human being"

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The children will learn about the beauty of God's world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation e.g. the seasons. They will also hear about the story of Creation from Genesis and talk about its meaning.

They will be reflecting on the knowledge that God made us because he loves us and develop their understanding that we show God we love him by looking after the world and each other. They will learn that we can spoil God's creation and that we have a responsibility to look after it, as well as hearing an appropriate part of the story of Noah and the Flood and its message of salvation and hope.

At home

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.

Class 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

Class 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

Class 5 – 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