



Our Lady of Furness Catholic federation

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

Dates from the Church's calendar:

8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
14 th September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	10 th October	St Paulinus of York
21 st September	St Matthew (Apostle)	12 th October	St Wilfrid (diocesan patron)
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	13 th October	St Edward the Confessor
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	17 th October	St Ignatius
30 th September	St Jerome	18 th October	St Luke, Evangelist
2 nd October	Guardian Angels		

Nursery and 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 Nursery and 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

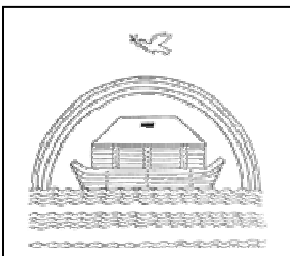
You could help your children by:

- 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.

Year 1 - 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.

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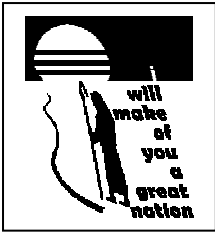
You could help your children by:

- 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.

Year 2 - The Chosen People

“In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram ... and makes him Abraham, that is, ‘the father of a multitude of nations.’ ... God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt ... he gave them his law so that they would recognise him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Saviour.”

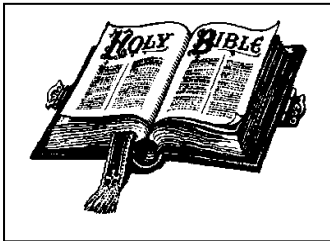
Catechism of the Catholic Church



The children will learn that we are chosen by God and learn that God chose certain people to lead and guide his people. They will learn that God called Abraham and that God chose Moses to be a great leader. They will also learn about how Samuel responded to God’s call and find out about the story of Daniel in the lions’ den.

They will have an opportunity to reflect on Abraham’s trust in God and learn that we should always trust God. They will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own response to God’s call.

Year 3 & 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
 - go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities.
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Year 5 & 6 - 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
 - visit www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete activities.
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All children in KS2 will continue with our bible homework.

The readings for this term are:

Bible Homework Autumn Term			
Date of Mass	Liturgical day and Week	Reading from Sunday Missal	Bible story and Page number
10.9.17	23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time	Letter from St Paul to the Romans 13: 8 -10	The Ten Commandments page 59
17.9.17	24 th Sunday	Matthew 18: 21 – 35	A Joyful Reunion page 45
24.9.17	25 th Sunday	St Pauls letter to the Philippeans 1: 20 – 24 , 27	The church and the body of Christ pg 343
1.10.17	26 th Sunday	Matthew 21: 28 – 32	The Passover in Jerusalem pg 215
8.10.17	27 th Sunday	Matthew 21:33 – 43	The owner of the vineyard pg 276
15.10.17	28 th Sunday	Matthew 22:1 – 14	The great feast pg 261
22.10.17 Half term	29 th Sunday	Matthew 22: 15 – 21	The tax question pg 277

Questions to be discussed are :

Bible Story Homework

Questions to answer and discuss verbally. This will be discussed further in class during Collective Worship each week.

1. What do you like most about this story?
2. What do you find surprising?
3. Imagine you are in the story and describe how you are feeling.
4. What do you think this story shows about God's love for us?
5. What do you think we can learn from this story?
6. How might this change how you are towards God, your family, and others?

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