

RE Newsletter Spring Term



In January, we adopted the Diocesan RE Syllabus which concentrates on two recognised RE schemes, 'Come and See' and 'The Way, The Truth and The Life'. The following themes will be covered this half of the Spring Term.



EYFS: Growing and Giving

The messages of Easter can be a difficult subject to teach to very young children who have now grown to love Jesus as a special friend. It has to be taught with care and sensitivity while allowing the children to begin to understand that life is very precious and that for us as Christians, even dying does not destroy it.



Through exploring the topic of Growing and Changing, the children will understand that Lent is a time to grow in love, to be more like Jesus, and to grow closer to God.

The children will understand that spring is a time when things begin to grow and they begin to understand that all living things grow and change.

The children will begin to understand that all living things need care in order to grow.

The children will recognise the stories of Good Friday and Easter Sunday and they will join in some of the Easter Liturgy with the rest of the school. They will hear that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and this is the most important day for us as Christians.



The children will be able to recognise the Cross, the words of the Sign of the Cross, and the Easter Garden.

You could help your child at home by:

- Going on a Spring walk, looking at the changes in nature
- Look at and talk how flowers are so different from each other.
- Plant some seeds or bulbs together and watch them grow, change and die back with the promise of new life next year.

Key Stage 1: The Good News

The children in Key Stage 1 will learn that Jesus brought the Good News of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used God's love to help others and to bring joy into the lives of others. The miracles that Jesus performed were a sign that he was God's Son and that he had the power to change sadness into joy.



They will reflect on how they can bring the joy of good news to their family and friends.

“Jesus is sent to preach good news to the poor. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.”
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn to say and be finding out more about 'The Our Father' as the prayer Jesus taught his friends to pray.

Towards the end of Lent the children will make links between the Last Supper Jesus had with his friends and what happens at Mass.

At home you could help your children by:

- Highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- Reading stories about Jesus helping people, e.g The Feeding of the Five Thousand



Lower Key Stage 2: Jesus the Saviour,

Earlier in the Term the children learnt that Jesus came to show us the way to live. They explored some of the parables Jesus told and built on their understanding their understanding of the messages within them.

This half term, the children will have a chance to appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today and recognise that Lent gives us an opportunity to live as Jesus wants us to.



In the topic of Jesus the Saviour, the children will learn that Jesus came from God to share our life so that we can share in the life of Jesus. They will reflect on how Jesus is like us and how he is like God. They will consider ways in which they can share in the life of Jesus. They will learn about the events of Holy Week, particularly Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Year 4 children will lead the school in the Easter Liturgy each day during the final week of term.

At home you could help your children by;

- Reading the events of Holy Week in a children's Bible.
- Ask 'I wonder questions' and agree that some are difficult to answer.

HOLY WEEK *Upper Key Stage 2: Jesus, Son of God*

In this topic the children will learn that the miracles Jesus performed led many to the truth that Jesus was God's Son. They will reflect on the reactions of people to the miracles and come to know that opposition to Jesus' actions led to his arrest. They will learn about the events of Holy Week and consider their importance for us.



Our older children are encouraged to think deeply about the events surrounding Holy Week and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. They consider the justice and fairness of Jesus' situation in the context of life at that time.

They will have the opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross and will reflect on the meaning of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus for us today.

At home, you could help your children by:

- Discussing what they have found out in class and how it will affect their life Journey as Christians
- looking at the Stations of the Cross in your church and talking about their relevance for us today.
- Find out more about the life and times of Jesus during his time on earth





Other World Faiths are taught in the Autumn and Summer Terms. (Please see Curriculum Planner)