

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2014

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

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| Early Years | MYSELF - God knows and loves each one |
| Year 1 | FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family |
| Year 2 | BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning |
| Year 3 | HOMES - God's vision for every family |
| Year 4 | PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture |
| Year 5 | OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God |
| Year 6 | LOVING - God who never stops loving |

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

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

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

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| Early Years | WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family |
| Year 1 | BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family |
| Year 2 | SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism |
| Year 3 | PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism |
| Year 4 | CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness |
| Year 5 | LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service |
| Year 6 | VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life |

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

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| Early Years | BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday |
| Year 1 | WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas |
| Year 2 | PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas |
| Year 3 | VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus |
| Year 4 | GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus |
| Year 5 | HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one |
| Year 6 | EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world |

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS - Celebrated on Sunday 2nd November)

ALL SOULS – 3rd November

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 23rd November

ADVENT - Begins 30th November

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR Y4 – 6th December

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 8th December

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – 25th December



Sacramental Preparation

Please pray for our Year 4 children as they begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation later this term.

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this special time.



Formal assessment

Each term, one of the three RE topics is formally assessed. This term the second topic will be assessed which is a focus on 'Baptism and Confirmation – Belonging'.

Collective Worship

Whole school Collective Worships starts the week and then classes hold daily Collective Worships for the rest of the week.

Class Collective Worship is planned and carried out by the children in individual classes with support from class teachers.

In the Infants, children will plan and help to lead Collective Worship in their class. In the Juniors, the children begin to lead Collective Worship with support from their class teacher.

