

Autumn Term One

Nursery

Topic - God's Wonderful World

Children can talk about the things God has made for us and learn now the names of some animals in God's world.

We will learn how God made each one of us and be aware that we are unique and God loves us.

How to help at home: Talk with your child about all the things that God created for us and remind them to be thankful to God always.

Reception

Topic - God's World

The children 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 so.

*How to help at home: Encourage children to wonder at, and be thankful for, things that God has made.
Read the creation story in a children's Bible.*

Year 1

Topic - God's Great Plan

God's Great Plan - Be aware of the beauty of God's world. Explore and respond to the wonders of creation. 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.

How to help at home: Encourage our child to observe the wonders of God's creation, (e.g. the seasons) and think of how they can help to look after God's world, (e.g. water plants, look after animals/pets, put litter in bins)

Year 2

Topic - The Chosen People

In this unit 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
- Learn that we should always trust God.

In this unit the children will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own response to God's call.

How to help at home: Watch a video clip of the story Daniel in the Lion's Den and Abraham and Sarah at home. Talk about the hidden messages behind these stories.

Year 3

Topic - The Christian Family

The children will have a chance to reflect on what it means to be part of a family and reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family.

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 about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

How to help at home: talk about the importance of family with your child. Discuss how your faith and beliefs are an important part of your life. Remind children of their Baptism by showing them photos.

Year 4

Topic - The Bible

The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us. We will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself. We 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.

We 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.

How to help at home: Encourage your child read a Bible for pleasure. Research Abraham and his decedents from the Old Testament.

Year 5

Topic - Creation

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 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 and reflect on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts.

The children will also visit the chapel in school each week and take part in weekly prayer and worship in class with a different reflection focus each session to coincide with the liturgical calendar.

How to help at home: Encourage your child pray and reflect on the gifts they are grateful for.

Year 6

Topic - The Kingdom of God

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; and know that Jesus' miracles reflected the beginning of the Kingdom and show us what God is like.

How to help at home: Encourage your child to read the parables and miracles from the Bible.