



# Summer Term One

## Nursery

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*How to help at home: Encourage your child to talk about good news that you can share with each other and celebrate about it.*

## Reception

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*How to help at home: Encourage the children to retell the story of Easter. Talk about how they can spread peace and joy and home and at school.*

## Year 1

### Topic - The Resurrection

Know that we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Know that Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. The children will learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples and will think about the times when they have experienced great joy and surprise. They will learn that Jesus helped his disciples to understand that he was risen from the dead and was with them (John 21: 9- 14) and this made them very happy. They will learn that when Thomas heard that Jesus was alive he did not believe it. They will also become aware that sometimes, like Thomas, we don't understand what is happening.

*How to help at home: Talk to your child about the Resurrection? How do we celebrate Easter? Encourage your child to think surprises, especially when sad news turns into good news.*

## Year 2

### Topic - Eastertide

In this unit the children will learn how Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday and have the opportunity to reflect on what this tells us about Jesus. They will learn about Jesus appearing to the disciples and reflect on what this was like for them. The children will learn about what happened after the Resurrection, and learn how the Apostles received the Holy Spirit.

*How to help at home: talk to your child about why Easter is such a special time for us.*

## Year 3

### Topic - Celebrating Easter and Pentecost

The children will learn that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. They will learn that because Jesus rose from the dead we too will rise from the dead. They will hear the story of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas. They will also hear and reflect on the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

*How to help at home: talk to your child about how following in Jesus' footsteps has had a positive impact in your life.*

## Year 4

### Topic - The Early Christians

This topic begins with understanding that Jesus made Peter head of the church and think about what this means for all Christians. We will know that the Church began at Pentecost and think about what the Holy Spirit is able to do. Moving on we will understand what happened to Stephen and Saul and reflect on how brings good out of evil. We will know about the challenges of being an apostle and reflect on how God worked through Paul and Silas. We will know about Paul's missionary journeys and reflect on Paul's faith as well courage. We will know some of the teaching of the Apostles and reflect on how this teaching helps us today.

*How to help at home: Research the history of the church, its beginnings and the role of Peter.*

## Year 5

### Topic - Life in the Risen Jesus

The children will learn the story of the appearance of Jesus to Mary of Magdala and learn that the risen Jesus is present among us in different ways. They will learn about Jesus' teaching of prayer and have a better understanding of the Lord's Prayer. They will also learn that we can pray in different ways. 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 discuss with them the different ways we can pray.*

## Year 6

### Topic - The Transforming Spirit

The children will learn about The Ascension and reflect on what it was like for the disciples. The children will understand what happened at Pentecost and reflect on how the Holy Spirit transformed the Apostles. They will understand how the Holy Spirit worked through the Apostles. The children will reflect on how Paul's teaching can help them. They will reflect on how popes and successors lead us to Jesus.

*How to help at home: Can your child create a fact file about Pope Francis? How does he show care, compassion and mercy? Use this website to help: [https://kids.kiddle.co/Pope\\_Francis](https://kids.kiddle.co/Pope_Francis)*