



# Summer Term Two

## Nursery

### Topic - Our Church Family

The children will begin to understand that we call the Church the family of God. They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The children will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him. They will learn to be thankful that lots of people help to look after the church and know why Sunday is a special day.

*How to help at home: Encourage your child to go to church every Sunday to feel that they belong to a church family. Talk about your families' faith/ traditions and what special days you have*

## Reception

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*How to help at home: Talk about your church. Show children the sanctuary lamp and tabernacle when you go to church. Talk about the special things you do on Sundays.*

## Year 1

### Topic - Miracles

Know that Jesus will help us when we pray. Learn about the miracles Jesus performed. The children will hear some stories from the gospels which tell of Jesus using his God-given power to show his love and compassion. They will hear the story of the Calming of the Storm and know that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid. They will learn that Jesus showed his love for sick people when he cured a man who was paralysed and know that Jesus has great love for people who are sick today. They will learn that Jesus responded to the faith of the blind man with compassion and think of ways that we can trust Jesus in situations of need.

*How to help at home: Talk to your child about prayer, faith and miracles. Encourage them to pray and ask Jesus for help when they are ill, sad or afraid.*

## Year 2

### Topic - The Church is Born

In this unit the children will learn about how the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles and think of ways we can be like them. We will learn about the first Christians. We will find out about how Jesus was able to help Peter and John and learn that we can trust Jesus to help us. The children will be able to recall that the Holy Spirit was able to help the Apostles and learn how the Holy Spirit helps us. Finally the children will know about Peter's escape from prison and reflect on what we can learn from it.

*How to help at home: Talk with your child about things they can do to help people in need.*

## Year 3

### Topic - World Religion Judaism

Children will learn the importance of being knowledgeable and respectful of the beliefs of others. Year 3 will learn about the beliefs of Jewish people. We will discover the festival of Passover, when Jews remember how their ancestors were led out of Egypt by Moses. We will also learn about Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.

*How to help at home: spend time with your child learning about one of the other major world religions.*

## Year 4

### Topic - World Religion Hinduism

The children will explore Hinduism beliefs, teaching and practices.

Within this we will explore:

- The history of Hinduism
- What Hindus believe
- Where Hindus worship
- The Hinduism's holy books
- Symbols of Hinduism
- Major Festivals.

*How to help at home: encourage your child to explore what are the practices of Hindus. They could create an information book.*

## Year 5

### Topic - World Religion Islam

The children will know what the Church teaches about other Faiths and reflect on the teaching of the Church for us. They will understand what we believe about our Catholic Faith and reflect on our beliefs. The children will know some important Muslim beliefs and think about their importance. The children will know some Muslim celebrations and reflect on the meaning of them. The children will know some of the beliefs we share and differences between us. 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: Discuss other faiths with your child. Can they find similarities and differences between them?*

## Year 6

### Topic - World Religion Buddhism

The children will study Buddhism under seven different headings: the founder and where it began; the Holy book and stories; beliefs; places of worship; festivals; family life; where followers live today.

The children will be offered the opportunity to explore Buddhism and the lives of the Buddhist people today by: identifying a range of sources of information; collecting and presenting information; carry out their own enquiry and extend their research skills; communicate their knowledge and understanding of Buddhism through presentations. Children will continue to visit the chapel weekly and attend class masses at church.

*How to help at home: Use this website to find out about all the different Buddhist festivals  
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/buddhistfestivals.htm>*