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**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 – Being a Christian**

**In this unit children will think about how we as Christians through our actions show we are followers of God. They will look at the life of St Paul and how he had to learn to be a follower of God. Children will understand more about the sacraments and know that the sacraments are a meeting with Jesus where we receive his great love. Children will learn about people who have used their gifts from God to help others.**

***How to help at home: Talk with your child about the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. How do help us become a close friend of Jesus?***

**Year 4**

**Topic – The Church**

**Children will understand that the church is a family and as members of the church we are one big family. Children will look at each of the sacraments and what help and gain we get in life from receiving them. Children will learn about the different liturgical season of the year and make links to devotions and practices. Children will learn how the holy souls and saints can help us and will learn about St. Joseph the patron saint of our school. Gods call to people will be looked at- such as Mother Teresa. Children will reflect on their own calls from God.**

***How to help at home: Talk with your child about the different liturgical seasons of the Church. Can they tell you which liturgical season it is now?***

**Year 5**

**Topic – Other Faiths**

**In this unit children will learn about other faiths.. They will reflect on this and what it means when we make friends with people of other religions. Children will study the Apostles Creed and understand that it states our fundamental beliefs. Children will look at important Jewish beliefs and celebrations. They will also look at key Muslim beliefs- the 5 pillars of Islam. There will be a focus on how Christians and Muslims share of the same belief but highlight how we as Christians believe Jesus is truly God.**

***How to help at home: Look at the Apostles Creed with your child and discuss the key beliefs of the Christian faith.***

**Year 6**

**Topic – Called to Serve**

**During this unit children will look at Jesus’ teachings and know that they show us an example of service and how we should try to live our lives and be like him. The children will learn that we are servants and are given gifts and talents. To help serve God. Children will study the Sacrament of Confirmation, knowing that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are received. They will also learn about the Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders. Children will look at vocations in life, for example Annalena Tonelli.**

***How to help at home: Discuss the talents and gifts your child has received from God. How can they use these gifts to serve God?***