

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2024

### COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend two weeks studying Islam. The children in Early Years will be following the new RE Curriculum – To Know you More Clearly which will be rolled out to other year groups in September 2024

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Year 1	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family
Year 2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
Year 3	<b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	<b>SOURCES</b> - The Bible, the special book for the Church

#### ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.  
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

#### EUCHARIST - RELATING

(29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024)

Year 1	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
Year 5	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	<b>UNITY</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.  
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

#### ISLAM 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for two weeks. Ask them what they have been learning about.

#### LENT/EASTER - GIVING

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

(18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024)

Year 1	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.  
If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross.

#### EARLY YEARS (NEW RED – TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY)

4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Galilee to Jerusalem – We learn about the visit of the Magi, the feeding of the 5000 and how Jesus blesses the little children. We learn about how to show love to everyone like Jesus does

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Desert to Garden – We learn about Lent, Holy Week, and the great commandment to Love God and love everyone.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss how we can help others and show love to everyone as Jesus does.

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

14 February

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

19 March

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

24 March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

28 March

**GOOD FRIDAY**

29 March

**EASTER SUNDAY**

31 March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

8 April