

# R.E. Newsletter for Parents

## Autumn Term (Second Half)

In all RE topics throughout the year our children will be learning about their Catholic Faith and how this is reflected in the way they live their lives and treat others.

### Reception Class

#### Topic - God's Family

- \* Be aware that God made all the people in the world to be part of his family and that we are part of it too
- \* Know that God made us to know and love him and to show our love for him by helping one another
- \* Know that God has given us gifts so that we can show his love to others
- \* Know that God's greatest gift was to send us his only son Jesus and respond to that gift

### Year 2

#### Topic - Mysteries

- \* Know about and reflect on mysteries
- \* Know that there are three persons in one God and we can think about Him in different ways
- \* Know about and reflect on God's choice of Mary and Joseph
- \* Know that Jesus is God's gift to the whole world and how we can respond to that

### Year 1

#### Topic - Mary, Mother of God

- \* Know that God sent the Angel Gabriel to ask Mary to be the Mother of his Son and reflect on her response
- \* Hear about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and reflect on their good news
- \* Reflect on how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus
- \* Know the story of the birth of Jesus and Mary's role in it
- \* Know that Mary is our Mother too and reflect on how she looks after us

### Special days this term

- ☩ November is the month when we particularly remember our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like your relatives and friends to be included in our prayers please write their names on a piece of paper and place in the box in the main entrance near Mrs Webb's office
- ☩ 25<sup>th</sup> November - Feast of Christ the King
- ☩ 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- ☩ 4<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Class Nativity Play 2.00pm
- ☩ 6<sup>th</sup> December - Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2.00pm
- ☩ 8<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady



*Please remember to read Wednesday Word each week with your child.*

**Year 3**

**Topic - Mary our Mother**

- \*Know that God called Mary to be the Mother of Jesus and how she responded to God's call
- \*Know the 'Hail Mary' and begin to understand it
- \*Know that Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas
- \*Identify ways we can prepare for the birth of Jesus during Advent
- \*Reflect on Mary's role as our Mother
- \*Understand that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God
- \*Know the story of the shepherds' and wise men's visits to see the baby Jesus and that they knew he was the Son of God
- \*Experience an Advent liturgy

**Year 4**

**Topic - Trust in God**

- \*Know Jesus' teaching on the importance of trusting him
- \*Know that it is not always easy to trust in God (eg Zechariah), reflect on times we have found it difficult to trust in God
- \*Know the promise God made through the Angel Gabriel
- \*Make our own Advent promises and reflect on the importance of keeping promises
- \*Know how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him, reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God
  - \*Be familiar with Mary's song of praise and trust in God ie the Magnificat
- \*Know that God fulfilled His promise to Mary when Jesus, His Son was born
- \*deepen our awareness of God's love for us and know that he asks us to trust in Him

**Year 5**

**Topic - The Commandments**

- \*Know that God loves us and called us into relationship with him
- \*Reflect on ways we can deepen our relationship with God
- \*Know that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai because He loves us
- \*Understand that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God to help us
- \*Appreciate how God has shown his love for us
- \*Know how to summarise the Ten Commandments (Mt 22:36-40)
- \*Understand how we can show our love for God by keeping his commandments
- \*Know that God sent his Son Jesus into the world because he loves us, reflect on how the birth of Jesus at Christmas is a sign of God's love for us

**Year 6**

**Topic - Justice**

- \*Understand what justice is and know that we are called to work for it
- \*Know that the prophets spoke out against injustice eg Elijah, John the Baptist
- \*Know that God calls all of us to speak out about justice, be aware that Christians across the world speak for justice and that justice starts with each one of us
- \*Know about individuals who have been persecuted for speaking out against injustice and reflect on the cost of commitment
- \*Know that in Advent we prepare for the birth of Jesus
- \*Be aware that our Christmas customs are drawn from different countries and cultures

