

R.E. Newsletter for Parents

Summer Term (First 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. In the boxes below we have identified the topics and expected learning for this half term.

Reception Class

Topic - New Life

- * Begin to recognise that because Jesus rose from the dead we experience Easter joy
- * Know that the disciples discovered the empty tomb and know that Jesus appeared to the disciples. Begin to understand why these stories are important
- * Begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to the disciples and can give to us
- * Know the story of Jesus going back to his Father in heaven

Year 1

Topic - Resurrection

- *Know that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter and reflect on how we do this
- *Know that Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. Reflect on what this means for us
- *Know that Jesus appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room and think about times when we have experienced big surprises
- *Know that Jesus helped the disciples to understand that he was truly alive and think about how happy everybody was to see him
- *Know that Thomas did not believe that Jesus was alive. Reflect on times when we don't understand what's happening
- *Know that Jesus returned to heaven after 40 days. Reflect on the promises he made

Year 2

Topic - Eastertide

- *Know that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives to be with us
- *Know that Jesus told the disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come
- *Know that Jesus returned to Heaven and promised to return again and this gives us hope
- *Know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and that the Holy Spirit is promised to us



Special days this term

- ☩ 23rd April - Feast of St George (Patron saint of England)
- ☩ 30th May - Feast of the Ascension
- ☩ 9th June - Pentecost Sunday
- ☩ 16th June - Trinity Sunday

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

Year 3

Topic - Celebrating Easter and Pentecost

- *Explore how the Church celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus. Think about how we can celebrate Jesus' Resurrection
- *Know that Jesus appeared to some of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. Think about what we can learn from this experience
- *Know what Jesus said to Thomas when he did not believe that he had risen from the dead. Reflect on the meaning of these words for us.
- *Know that Jesus returned to heaven. Reflect on what this means for us
- *Know what happened at Pentecost. Reflect on how this changed the disciples

Year 5

Topic - Life in the Risen Jesus

- *Know and understand that Jesus is risen from the dead
- *Know the story of the appearance of Jesus to Mary of Magdala (John 20:11-18)
- *Know that the risen Jesus is present in us in different ways
- *Appreciate that Jesus is present in our lives
- *Know Jesus' teaching and example on prayer, recognise the importance of making time for prayer each day
- *Know and understand the 'Our Father'
- *Reflect on the meaning of some traditional prayers
- *Know that we can pray in different ways
- *Learn to pray the Rosary
- *Know the Glorious Mysteries and how they help us to think about the Resurrection of Jesus
- *Experience a guided meditation on the Resurrection



Year 6

Topic - The Work of the Apostles

- *Know and reflect on our calling to be disciples of Jesus
- *Know that the apostles were ordinary people
- *Know that the apostles were people with strengths and weaknesses just as we are
- *Know how the apostles changed when they received the Holy Spirit and reflect on how we can be changed
- *Know about the early Christian Community (Acts 3:1-10, 4:32-35) and our relationship to it
- *Know and think about the persecution of the apostles
- *Know and reflect on the preaching of the apostles

Year 4

Topic - Mission of the Church

- *Know the Good News that God the Father sent his Son to save us
- *Know that Peter was chosen by Jesus to play a special role in the Church
- *Know that Jesus gave his followers a mission - to spread the Good News to others
- *Identify ways we can spread the Good News in our lives
- *Know that Jesus sent his Spirit to help them at Pentecost
- *Understand that this was the beginning of the Church
- *Know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- *Understand how the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost changed the disciples
- *Consider ways in which we can support a mission