

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2024

This year, EYFS and Year One will start the new RED program for RE.



## **BRANCH ONE- CREATION AND COVENANT**

(3rd September– 25th October)

In the first half term, children will focus on 'Revelation'. In an age appropriate way, pupils will consider how the world exists and how all that is came to be. They will learn about the Christian belief that all that exists comes from God, the Creator, who Christians call father, and that this belief is found in Scripture and the prayers of the Catholic Church. The Church teaches that with this belief come responsibilities to take care of the world God has gifted to humanity. One of the ways the Church expresses this responsibility is through the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principles of stewardship, human dignity and solidarity, which Pope Francis expresses in his encyclical 'Laudato Si' (2015).



### **Suggestions for home activities**

Visit the CAFOD website to learn more about CST as a family.



## **BRANCH TWO- PROPHECY AND PROMISE**

(4th November –20th December)

The focus of this branch is for pupils to develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that God showed us the full depth of his love by sending Jesus his Son. In Jesus, the invisible God becomes visible, and his love is poured out as the child in the manger at Bethlehem. Pupils will experience Advent traditions, see the Christmas crib and learn Christmas carols with the secular traditions that run alongside the Christmas season.

### **Suggestions for home activities**

**Discuss how your family welcomes visitors to your home.**

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent - Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

**Use the CAFOD website to get a religious Advent calendar**



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# COME AND SEE AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2024

'Come and See at home'

As we implement the new RED gradually, the Come and See program will still be followed by children in Y2-Y6. The Autumn term's theme is about understanding where we come from in the light of Creation, explored through the topics **Family, Belonging and Loving**. We will also spend two weeks finding out about another faith- **Judaism**.



## **DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY**

(11<sup>th</sup> September - 6<sup>th</sup> October)

In the first topic, the children will focus on life as a gift, ourselves as unique and loved creations, and the love and care that can be expressed in our family groups.

### **Suggestions for home activities**

**Make a collage using family photos of all significant family members – grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles, cousins etc. - including those who may have died.**



## **BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION - BELONGING**

(9<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November)

In the next topic, we will focus on the call to belong, and on Baptism and Confirmation, sacraments of God's gift of life and friendship.

### **Suggestions for home activities**

**Talk about your child's baptism, how special it was, and the people who shared the day with you. Look at photos if possible.**

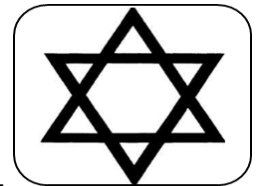
## **OTHER WORLD RELIGION - Judaism**

(13<sup>th</sup> November – 24<sup>th</sup> November)

Children will be learning about a different aspect of Judaism, its beliefs and practices.

### **Suggestions for home activities**

**Ask children to tell you about what they have learnt, and maybe research some other facts about the Jewish people and their faith.**



## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING**

(27<sup>th</sup> November – 21<sup>st</sup> December)

In this topic, the children will focus on our capacity to enter into loving relationships and the perfect gift, given in God's love, Jesus, who was born as one of us.

### **Suggestions for home activities**

**Discuss how your family welcomes visitors to your home and use the CAFOD website to get a religious Advent calendar. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent - Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.**



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# SPECIAL FEAST DAYS AND CELEBRATIONS 2024

## **ALL SAINTS** (1<sup>st</sup> November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

## **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED- ALL SOULS** (2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

## **FEAST OF ST CHARLES** (5th November)

## **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING** (24th November)

## **ADVENT** (Begins 1st December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

## **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.



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