

# R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

God Matters

This term your child(ren) will be studying Creation in Religious Education:

## RECEPTION

In Reception the Creation topic is designed to nurture an understanding of the world around. It introduces children to God as creator of all that they see around them and the idea of giving thanks. It helps the children to understand that they, their talents and gifts are God-given. It helps them to understand that we have special signs to show we give God praise and that we can find out about God from the Bible.

### Help at home

Read the story of Creation together from a child's version of the Bible and say a prayer to God to give thanks for all the wonderful things that He has created. Talk to your child about their talents and all the gifts

## Year 1

In Year 1 Creation topic is designed to develop children's appreciation of themselves and the world around them as part of God's creation. It should help children to know that our response to His creation is to give praise. They should also begin to understand that the church is a place of prayer and praise.

### Help at home

Read the story of Creation together from a child's version of the Bible and say a prayer to God to give thanks for all the wonderful things that he has created. Talk to your child about the world around them in which God communicates his goodness, truth and beauty.

## Year 2

In Year 2 the children will be looking at the Bible and noticing how the many stories within it, always have a message to show us how to live our lives in the way God wants us to. We will be looking closely at a particular story of Amos, the shepherd, who noticed the big gap between the rich and the poor and decided to do something about it and to help the poor, rather than keeping all his riches to himself.

**Help at home** Read some Bible stories from a child's version of the Bible. Focus particularly on the story of Amos. Talk to your child how we can live our lives in the way God wants us to.

## Year 5

The children in Year 5 will explore the Bible as a Holy Book for Catholics and how we can interpret it as the 'Word of God'. This will help them to reflect on the question "Are the creation stories true?" and explore the work of the Misso project which aims to carry out God's message in the world.

## Year 6

The children in Year 6 will examine the experiences of Moses and how they relate to Christian beliefs. The influence of the Ten Commandments will also be studied and their relevance to the modern world considered.

### Help at home

Read the creation stories from Genesis and discuss what they tell us about God. Talk to your child about their role and responsibility in God's creation and how we can all create a positive world around us by following the example of Jesus and the ten commandments.

## Years 3

In Year 3 the Creation unit provides us with the insight into how we are called to be part of God's creation. We will be examining the life of Jonah and the life of other Prophets. The main teaching of this calling is that we should respond. Through Baptism the children learn that we are called and our parents respond on our behalf.

Baptism calls us to see the world through God's eyes and live out a new life with him. By living out that life and responding to his call we are protecting his creation.

## Year 4

In Year 4 the Creation unit is designed to give some insight into how we are called to be part of God's creation. Our calling is examined through the roles of the disciples, through the teachings of St Francis and the story of Abraham. The main teaching of this calling is that we should respond. We discuss this by reading the speeches given by Pope Francis and study scripture that tell us how we must care for the world as stewards of creation by responding to His call and protect His creation.

### Help at home

Talk to your child about why God created the world and why He created us...

*'I have called you by your name, you are mine'*

Isaiah 43:1