

R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

God Matters

During November your child(ren) will be studying Prayers Saints and Feasts in Religious Education:

RECEPTION



During this unit your child will be exploring family relationships and how we show love to one another by the way we act. They will also hear how Jesus was part of a family and how Mary cared for him. They will make links with how Jesus cared for people and God cares for us and others and the signs of his love. They will also consider how we pray to Mary. They will also be introduced to the concept of Disciples and how they became his friends.

Help at Home

- **Talk about your family and how you show each other how you care for one another. Talk about Jesus' family and how they would have shown love to one another-what is the same. Model the Hail Mary for your child and look at pictures of Mary.**

Year 3

In this unit the children will explore the qualities of a Saint. They will explore how Mary was a Saint and made her choices through her faith. We will be looking how Mary is symbolised by different people and countries and why she is so important, looking in depth at the Hail Mary. Year 3 will also focus on St Francis of Assisi and his use of prayer, looking at how he was a Saint. We will also be challenging ourselves by discuss the question 'Can I be a Saint?'

Help at Home

- **Look up where Assisi is and talk about what life here might have been like.**
- **Look up at the life of St Francis and discuss his importance.**



Year 1



This unit is designed to develop children's understanding of prayer. It will introduce them to different kinds of prayer including the psalms. The children will visit St Francis Church and learn the names of items found in church such as altar, Holy Water and tabernacle. They will also be introduced to the roles of people who help in the church.

Help at Home

- **Recite the Hail Mary and the Our Father and say together with your child**
- **Sensitively say a prayer for those close to them who may have died or link it with those who have died because of war etc and Remembrance Day.**

Year 2

This unit is designed to introduce the children to the idea of a liturgical year. The children will study the main seasons of the church's year and recognise that each season has its own colour and symbols. They will also study Holy Days, including All Saints Day.

Help at Home

- **Ask the question if they had been one of the saints would they have followed Jesus – do they follow him now?**



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Year 4

During this unit the children will find out that as followers of Jesus they should try to follow His example of prayer. The children will learn about St. Terese and St Bernadette and will focus on making links to their teachings and that of Jesus. They will also reflect on the importance of prayers and the importance of pilgrimage-why people become pilgrims.

Help at Home

- Research places of pilgrimage eg. Lourdes, Walsingham.
- Find out about other Saints who followed Jesus' teachings.



Year 6

Within this unit, children will focus on why November is the month where Catholics remember those who have died. They will consider the church's view on prayer and different people's responses to it. The concept of heaven and hell will be discussed and children will share their ideas and beliefs related to this. Finally, prayers use to pray for the dead will be studied as we consider why we remember those who have died and whether we should pray for those who have died.

Help at Home

- Discuss how you feel about prayer and what people get from it.
- Discuss your child's and your view of heaven.
- Consider how you would like to remember special people no longer with us.

Year 5

Year 5 Children will focus on and explore prayer and how it builds our relationship with God. In particular they will focus on the Our Father and the links that can be made with the scriptures. The concept of the church being a group of people and not a building will also be developed. They will build on the idea of undertaking a pilgrimage, why people go on pilgrimages and look at the places where these occur. Links will be made with the Muslims pilgrimage to Mecca.

Help at Home

- Talk with your child about the prayers that they say and what they do in response to the words they say.
- Research places of pilgrimage eg. Lourdes or Knock.
- Read and discuss Jesus' miracles of healing i.e. ten lepers, paralysed man, discuss how the healing would have changed them in terms of having a faith



Feast Days

- All Saints Day 1st November
- All Souls Day 2nd November

DETAILS ABOUT SPECIAL EVENTS AND SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.