

ST PAUL'S CATHOLICE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2024

RE AT HOME KS1 AND EYFS

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to our Religious Education Newsletter for Autumn Term. This gives you an overview of what your child will be learning about. As of September 2024, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be adhering to the new RED programme of study. These classes will come away from the Come & See scheme and will use the 6 branch approach, outlined in the new RED. More detailed information can be found on the RE knowledge organisers on your child's class webpage

Our Topics: Nursery – Year 2 (RED: To know You more clearly)

Autumn Term 1	Branch 1: Creation and Covenant
Autumn Term 2	Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise
Spring Term 1	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem
Spring Term 2	Branch 4: Desert to garden
Summer Term 1	Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth
Summer term 2	Branch 6: Dialogue and encounter

The curriculum structures

The model curriculum has six components that will be known as branches which might, in practice, map helpfully onto the six half-terms of the school year. Each one has a core theme and invites pupils to learn about an aspect of Revelation, Scripture, life in Christ, and life in the Church, and to discern what their learning means academically and experientially enabling them to see, judge, and act through a deeper knowledge of the Christian faith.

Autumn 1. Creation and covenant: 'The heavens are telling the glory of God' (Ps 19:1). In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that is comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

Autumn 2. Prophecy and promise: 'In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets' (Heb 1:1). The prophets speak of God reaching to his people, calling them back into a relationship with him. In this branch, pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.

At Home suggestions:

Autumn 1

Explore the story of creation with your child, you might like to do an art work project on this. Think about how you can care for God's creation, maybe pick up litter around your local area or look after the wildlife and plants

Autumn 2

In the lead up to Christmas, make an Advent promise at home to help prepare your hearts for Jesus' coming on Christmas day.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

(October)

Please join us at 9am each Friday for our Rosary Breakfast led by the Chaplaincy Team

ALL SAINTS

(1 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)

(2 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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

(20 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 27 November)

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

(8 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

(25 December)

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(30 December)