

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2017

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s).

This term we will be studying the theme of the Universal Church (World) which will be linked closely to our Citizenship fortnight. Each class will approach the theme through different topics. The Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving) will also be studied as a part of the spring coverage.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

(Jan.4th to Feb.10th)

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

(Feb.21st to Mar.17th)

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(Mar.20th to End of Term)

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

28 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

1 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

13 April

GOOD FRIDAY

14 April

EASTER SUNDAY

16 April