



RE Newsletter Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	2 nd October	Guardian Angels
21 st September	St. Matthew	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	9 th October	St John Henry Newman
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	12 th October	St Wilfrid
30 th September	St. Jerome	13 th October	St Edward the Confessor
1 st October	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	15 th October	St Teresa of Avila
		18 th October	St Luke

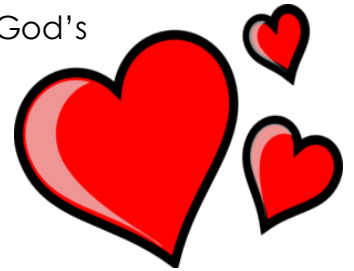
Little Acorns - God's Wonderful World

"They come to know that God loves each one always and at all times."

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This half term, the children in Little Acorns will be learning about God's wonderful world. Throughout this topic, the children will begin to know that God loves each one always and at all times.

Children will learn about things God made for them including plants and animals. They will think about how God made each of us different and special in our own ways and that God will never stop loving them.



The children will begin to learn about our school prayers, spend special time thinking about God each day and recognise the sign of the cross.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- looking at God's world around you each day when you are outside.
- following your stay & pray session in Nursery, share our school prayers with the family.

Foundation Stage 2 - God's World

"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love"

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This half term, the children in Foundation Stage 2 will be learning about God's world. Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it.

They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us.

They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how creation is special.
- Encouraging them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.

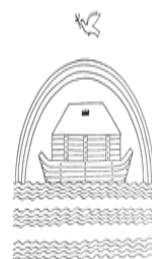
Year 1 - God's Great Plan

"As the first action of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creation is the first step towards the covenant relationship God seeks with every human being"

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The children in Year 1 will learn about the beauty of God's world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation e.g. the seasons. They will also hear about the story of Creation from Genesis and talk about its meaning.

They will be reflecting on the knowledge that God made us because he loves us and develop their understanding that we show God we love him by looking after the world and each other. They will learn that we can spoil God's creation and that we have a responsibility to look after it, as well as hearing an appropriate part of the story of Noah and the Flood and its message of salvation and hope.



At home:

You could help your children by:

- talking about how we can look after the world eg. recycling, not dropping litter, conserving energy and how we can care for plants and animals.
- looking at the trees during the autumn season and talk about the different colours. You could collect leaves to make a collage or painting.

Year 2 - The Chosen People

“In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram ... and makes him Abraham, that is, ‘the father of a multitude of nations.’”

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children in Year 2 will learn that we are chosen by God and learn that God chose certain people to lead and guide his people. They will learn that God called Abraham and that God chose Moses to be a great leader. They will also learn about how Samuel responded to God's call and find out about the story of Daniel in the lions' den.



They will have an opportunity to reflect on Abraham's trust in God and learn that we should always trust God.

They will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own response to God's call.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- talking about how we trust different people and how we can be trustworthy people ourselves.
- talk about famous people or people in your own families who have put their trust in God.

Year 3 - The Christian Family

“The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world.”

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In Year 3 this half term, children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

They will have the chance to reflect on what it means to be part of a family and what it means to be part of the Christian family too.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- sharing your experiences of their baptism – looking at any gifts or photographs that they received on their special day.
- discussing what it means to be part of God's family.



Year 4 - The Bible

“The Scriptures are the living Word of God, written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit received and faithfully handed on within the living Tradition and teaching of the Church.”

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In Year 4, the children will learn that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself. They will learn that the Bible is one story told through many different books and they will learn about Moses, David and Jonah as well as learning how to find a Bible reference.

The children will have the chance to explore how the Bible helps us to pray and experience how God speaks to us in the Bible as well as participating in a liturgy and experiencing a guided meditation on a text from the Bible



At home:

You could help your children by:

- reading some of the stories the children have covered in class with them at home and discussing them together.
- practise looking up different Bible references using chapters and verses.

Year 5 - Gifts from God

“Each human person is unique and made in God's image and likeness”

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The children in Year 5 will learn the story of Creation and the Fall in the Book of Genesis. They will learn that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all creation with love and respect. They will learn that there are times when we fail to be good stewards of creation. They will also learn that there are people who show great respect for creation and for the weakest members of society.



The children will have the chance to appreciate how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for God. They will reflect on times we have failed to show respect and reflect on the gifts and talents God has given each of us as well as reflecting on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- talking to the children about how they could care for creation and the environment and seeing if there is anything you can do at home to support this.

Year 6 – The Kingdom of God

“The Kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with a humble heart”

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children in Year 6 will learn about the beginning of Jesus' public life and that he was tempted by the devil. They will know about the conditions for following Jesus and know that Jesus performs mighty works, wonders and signs.

They will learn that through his parables Jesus invites people into the Kingdom of God. They will develop an understanding that deeds, and not just words, are required by Jesus, through the example of the Parable of the two sons. They will learn why Jesus chose to eat with sinners, learn that we must make use of our talents to gain the Kingdom and develop an understanding that God has boundless love and mercy.

The children will have the chance to reflect on our invitation to the Kingdom of God and be aware that we have to do good in order to enter the Kingdom. They will deepen their awareness of how we use the talents God has given us and be aware that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can make a fresh start to follow Jesus.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm
- talking to them about their talents and how they can use them to help others.

Jesus said, “What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.” [Mk 10:46-47](#)

