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***Learning and Growing with god by our side*** 

**Religious Education - SPRING Term 2024**

***Come and See at home***

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

**This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.**

**Suggestions for home activities**

**Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.**

**Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child’s Bible.**

**Local church - community**

***(Four week unit)***

**Early Years CELEbrating -** People celebrate in Church

**Year 1 special people -** People in the parish family

**Year 2 Books -** The books used in Church

**Year 3 Journeys -** Christian family’s journey with Christ

**Year 4 Community -** Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish

**Year 5 mission -** Continuing Jesus’ mission in diocese (ecumenism)

**Year 6 sources -** the Bible, the special book for the Church

**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.**

**Eucharist - Relating**

***(Four week unit – two weeks before/after half term)***

**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**

**As a family talk about how you are going to practise 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.**

**Lent/easter - giving**

***(Three week unit)***

**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

**IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS DATES THIS TERM**

**The Epiphany of the lord**

6 January – As our Term begins after this date, Epiphany will be celebrated in school on 8th.

Epiphany is when we celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

**The Baptism of the lord**

9 January

We remember the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

**The Presentation of the Lord**

2 February

On this day, we celebrate the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

**Ash Wednesday**

14th February

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday and opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

**St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

19 March

On this day we remember St Joseph’s compassion, protection and care for his wife, Mary and baby Jesus.

**The annunciation of the Lord**

25 March

The Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

**PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord**

24th March

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

**Maundy Thursday**

28th March

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion.

**Good Friday**

29th March

Good Friday is the day on which we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

**Easter Sunday**

31st March

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.