



**Curriculum Plan - Religion**

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	<p>During the Autumn terms, in RE the children are going to be learning about God’s World, looking after God’s World and the story of Noah’s Ark. This will be taught through discussing the creation story; thinking about ways we can look after the world and how we should be thankful for the beautiful world we live in. We begin to look at the Jewish faith. The Jewish Signs and Symbols and the Torah. In the approach to Christmas, we look at the story of Mary and her role in God’s sending of his Son, Jesus. The stories of the Nativity of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel told from Mary’s point of view. The topic also gives opportunities for the children to learn about the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas and their respective rituals, signs and symbols.</p>	<p>We will begin Spring by looking at what it means to belong to the family called the Church. Exploring what makes our own families especially, the sacrament of Baptism; and celebrations in the Church. We find out what happened to Jesus when he was presented in the Temple. They will learn about Jesus’ choice of his first disciples or friends – the fishermen. The children will hear the Parable of the Good Samaritan and reflect on its meaning. They will listen to the story of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and think about how they can welcome Jesus. They will learn that Jesus died on Good Friday and that God raised him from the dead on Easter Sunday.</p>	<p>In Summer, children will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and reflect on times when their own sadness turned to joy. They will be introduced to Thomas the apostle and reflect on the importance of his story. They will then explore the role of miracles in the life of Jesus. They will hear the stories of the Calming of the Storm, the healing of the paralysed and blind man. The children will reflect on the message of the miracle stories and on how they act towards others. The children will be introduced to the Sikhism faith. Visiting a Gurdwara; learning about Guru Granth Sahib and discovering their holy book.</p>
Year 2	<p>During the Autumn term we will be looking at Chosen People and the Mysteries of faith. Within this we will consider ourselves, the gifts that God has given us and how to use them in a positive way. We will also learn of some of the stories of Moses, Abraham and Daniel and understand why and how they were chosen. The children will be studying the Jewish faith; how they worship; what a Synagogue is like and learning about the role of a Rabbi. In our Mysteries topic they will consider what we imagine Heaven to be like as well as exploring the Joyful Mysteries.</p>	<p>During the Spring terms, we will be learning about the good news spread by Jesus in parables such as ‘The Ten Lepers’ and ‘Jesus feeds 5’000 people’. The children will learn that Jesus brings the good news of God’s love through his miracles and so turns sadness into joy and what they mean to our faith. We will also begin to look more at The Mass to understand its different parts and their meanings. The children will learn about the readings at Mass and why they should listen to them. They will know what happens at the Offertory and that the bread and wine are changed into Jesus.</p>	<p>During the summer term, we will be learning of the events surrounding Jesus’ resurrection and the birth of the Church. The children will learn about the appearance of Jesus to his disciples and his Ascension to heaven. They will learn about Pentecost and the symbols of the Holy Spirit. They will learn that the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to spread the Good News and about what the early Christian community was like. The children will reflect on how they can spread the Good News. In addition to our continued learning about, and reflection on our own faith, we will also spend some time learning about Hinduism; how they worship; their holy book and their shrines.</p>
Year 3	<p>In Autumn 1 we will develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism. We will explore what it means to belong to a family and the Christian family. We will also study the story of the Passover in the Jewish Faith. In Autumn 2 we will move on to look at Mary Our Mother; that Advent as a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus and are encouraged to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The children will be introduced to the God’s Greatest Gift books which accompany them through their First Holy Communion journey.</p>	<p>During the Spring terms, we will be learning about Jesus as the teacher who calls us to change and turn away from sin. Through parables and Scripture, we will experience Jesus’ teachings on forgiveness and how he set the example through his own actions. The children will reflect on the process of reconciliation and know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God’s love and forgiveness. We will prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on our journey towards First Holy Communion through our God’s Greatest Gift programme.</p>	<p>During the summer terms, we will be looking deeper into the Easter mysteries and how the disciples were changed through the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will reflect on the importance of belief through the story of ‘Doubting Thomas’. They will learn about the symbols and fruits of the Holy Spirit and reflect on how the Holy Spirit helps them to live their lives. We will be celebrating the children’s 1st Holy Communion and taking time to reflect on our spiritual growth this year. We will also look towards the Islamic faith to develop our understanding and respect for other people’s beliefs and practices.</p>



Year 4	<p>During the autumn terms, we will be looking at the Bible and learning how to find references from the Bible. We will read stories from the Old and New Testament and consider what they mean in our lives. The children will learn Jesus' teaching on the importance of trusting in him. They will explore the importance of trusting in God as well as the difficulties it brings through the stories of Zechariah, Mary and Joseph. We will also explore the Sikh faith; the five Ks, Diwali, Baisakhi, New Year and the ten Gurus. Mrs Hayes will be teaching the children a new Liturgical Dance for performance.</p>	<p>During the Spring terms, we will be learning about Jesus as the teacher. He is truly God and as a man, truly human. We will be beginning to understand why Jesus used parables to teach people and to learn parables that he used. We will be thinking about how Jesus saved our lives to take away our sins. They will reflect on how Jesus is like us and how he is like God. They will consider ways in which they can share in the life of Jesus. They will learn about the events of Holy Week, particularly Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The year 4 children make their reconciliation in the approach to Easter.</p>	<p>During the summer terms, we will be learning about the mission entrusted by Jesus to his followers to tell everyone the good news. The children will focus on Peter who was chosen by Jesus to be leader of the disciples, the first Pope. They will also learn about Stephen, the first Christian martyr and St. Paul. The children will learn about Pentecost and reflect on the importance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The children will learn what it means to belong to the Church community. They will explore the nature of community, the importance of identity and commitment, and relate this to the Sacrament of Baptism and the Creed. We will explore the Jewish faith, the story of Passover and what life might be like for a Jewish child.</p>
Year 5	<p>Our first RE topic is entitled 'Gifts from God' This will involve deepening understanding of God's creation, emphasising how we should value and appreciate it. Later in the autumn term, we will be looking more at the commandments and how they guide our behaviour. We will encourage children to link faith to their own experiences and start thinking about questions which are difficult to answer. We will be exploring the Hindu faith, their Gods, Diwali and reincarnation.</p>	<p>During the spring terms, we will be looking at inspirational people. We will explore how Jesus and God inspired others and how they inspire others. We will relate our learning to scripture and our own experiences. We will be thinking about sin and the importance of reconciliation as the year 5 children make their reconciliation.</p>	<p>During the summer terms, we will begin by studying 'life in the resurrected Jesus.' We will explore the scripture related to this significant time. We will relate our learning to scripture and our own experiences. We will move on to the studying of other faiths. Children will learn about Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Judaism and Buddhism. We will also be exploring the Jewish faith, particularly their festivals of Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah.</p>
Year 6	<p>During the autumn term, children will be studying the role The Kingdom of God has on our faith. Children will be understanding what is needed to accept God's invitation to The Kingdom of God as well as considering the effects Jesus' miracles had on the Kingdom of God. As we approach Advent in Autumn Two, we will be studying justice and the role we can play in a fair society. We will be linking this to how Jesus showed justice and compassion through his teaching. We will be exploring the Islamic Faith, the five pillars, Ramadan, Hajj, Muhaammad and other prophets.</p>	<p>As we approach Easter, we will be looking at the importance of the story of the Passover as well as the significance of the last supper and Jesus' death. We will be linking each of these to the role mass plays in our faith and the importance of practising our faith regularly. The year 6 children make their reconciliation. The children will learn that the miracles Jesus performed led many to believe that Jesus was God's Son. They will reflect on the reactions of people to the miracles and come to know that opposition to Jesus' actions led to his arrest. They will learn about the events of Holy Week and consider their importance for us.</p>	<p>During the Summer term, the children will learn that the apostles of Jesus were ordinary people who answered the call to follow Jesus and on their own calling to be a follower of Jesus. They will know how the apostles changed when they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and reflect on how they too can be changed. Our following topic is 'Called to Serve' where we look at the Church and the part we play in this. The children will learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given through it. They will explore how Marriage and Holy Orders are ways through which people can serve God. Within our other faiths topic, we will explore the Jewish Faith, through exploring their celebrations including Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, marriage and deaths.</p>