

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the two themes of 'From Galilee to Jerusalem' and after half term 'Desert to Garden'. These units will take us from the Epiphany through Lent to Easter, following the liturgical themes of the Church.

FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM (4th January-9th February)

EYFS

'God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known' (Jn 1:18). In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

Year 3 and 4

Children encounter the Gospel of Matthew and the truths it contains about the Kingdom of God. Knowledge and understanding of parables and miracles will be deepened. Later in lower KS2, pupils will consider Jesus' question to Peter: Who do you say I am? They will learn that the Church teaches that Jesus is the Messiah/the Christ – the suffering servant, not triumphant king; fully God and fully human (the incarnation); serving the most lowly in society; compassionate and healing. There will be a focus on the historical and cultural context of the gospels, so that the miracles can be fully understood.

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.

DESERT TO GARDEN 19TH FEBRUARY- 28TH MARCH

EYFS

The children will hear and learn about the stories of Jesus in the desert, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Death on the Cross and Resurrection. They will learn about Lent as a time when we prepare and get ready for Easter.

Year 3 and 4

The focus of this module is on the Eucharist. It also talks about the miracle of the loaves. Children are going to start by looking at the account of the feeding of the 5,000 in Matthew's Gospel. They will be reminded that when the Gospels describe a miracle, they are not describing a magic act! Miracles give us an insight into God's action, they are signs of the Kingdom.

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

7 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 March

GOOD FRIDAY

29 March

EASTER SUNDAY

31 March