

St. Peters Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter Spring 1



In Joy We Live Together, In Hope We Build For The Future

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

Nursery – The Holy Family

This half term, children in Nursery will be learning about the early life of Jesus with Mary and Joseph – the Holy Family. They will hear and reflect on the stories of the Presentation of Jesus and the time when Jesus was found in the Temple.

Foundation Stage 2 - Getting to know Jesus

This half term, children in Reception will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the unit, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people

At home

You could help your children by:

- saying or sharing prayers together
- talk about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others
- giving them jobs, which help at home

Year 1 – Families and Celebrations

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family. They will hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.

At home

You could help your children by:

- discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives

- talking to your child about their baptism

Year 2 – The Good News

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events. They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

At home

You could help your children by:

- highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- read stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. The feeding of the 5000

Year 3 – Jesus the Teacher

The children will learn that Jesus was born into a Jewish family. They will learn that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult read the Torah. They will learn that Jesus travelled about teaching people. The children will learn that Jesus came to show us the way to live, understand why Jesus used parables to teach people and know and understand some of the parables Jesus told. The children will have a chance to appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today.

At home

You could help your children by:

- read some well-known parables, e.g. 'The Sower' and talk about what they mean for us

Year 4 – Celebrating the Mass

Year 4 will know why Sunday is special for Christians and will know that we come to Mass to hear the teaching of Jesus and pray to him. They will learn that in the Mass we offer thanks to God the Father for the gift of his Son and learn that during Mass the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. They will learn that when we receive Holy Communion we receive Jesus and learn that Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. They will also learn some of the responses in the Mass and understand that Jesus died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about all the things we have to be thankful for
- talking to them about how Sunday is a special day for Christians

Year 5 – Inspirational People

The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus or their own faith. They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about

someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.

At home

You could help your children by

- encouraging them to research some information about inspirational people and saints

Year 6 – Jesus, the bread of life

The children will learn that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They will learn the different parts of the Mass and become familiar with most of the responses. The children will learn that the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass and become the body and blood of Jesus. The children will have a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and reflect on the sacrifices they can make during Lent.

At home

You could help your children by:

- challenging them during the week to describe what they have been learning during their RE lessons asking them to explain it to you.