Religious Education Newsletter

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Prophecy and Promise

The information below gives an overview of the second 'branch' that is being taught in Religious Education during the second half of the Autumn Term – *Prophecy and Promise*. Please take the time to talk to your child about their understanding of the topics covered and share the 'Learning at home' suggested activities with them. We would love to see these being completed on 'X'.

EYFS



The children will know that Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother. They will learn that Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem and that Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Children will know that the shepherds visited Jesus at the stable and that Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas. Finally, children will know that Jesus came for the whole world.

YEARS 1 AND 2

In Key Stage 1, children will understand that the Bible is a special book and encounter stories and accounts of how people came to know God and the Good News of Jesus in the Gospels. Children will sequence the accounts from the Annunciation through to the visit of the shepherds and know that the Annunciation is when God called Mary and she said, "Yes" to his call. Children will recognise that, for Christians, the Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his son.



Please remember to log on to Tapestry to see all the wonderful work the children are doing in school.

Peace, Love and Understanding

YEARS 3 AND 4

Children learn about the first part of the Mass. They will recognise and name some of the objects in a church and will understand why Catholics go to Mass. They will learn the different rules people have when they take part in Mass as well as the structure of Mass and naming the different parts of the Liturgy of the Word. Children will then learn about Advent and the signs and symbols that help Catholics live out this special season. They will learn about the Annunciation to Joseph and explore the meaning of the story.



YEARS 5 AND 6



This term, children will learn about ***King David****, a key figure in the Bible. They will explore how the Israelites wanted a king to protect them, but the prophet Samuel encouraged them to trust in God. David, a humble shepherd boy chosen by God, became king and is seen by Christians as an important link to Jesus. Pupils will learn about the image of the shepherd as a symbol of care, guidance, and protection, and make connections between David and Jesus, the "Good Shepherd." They will also discover God's covenant with David, the importance of Jerusalem, and how David is remembered as both a great king and a model of prayer. Through prayer, scripture, and Advent traditions such as the O Antiphons and O Come, O Come Emmanuel, children will deepen their understanding of how Christians recognise Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promises.*

HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES

✝ Watch https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-advent-two-minutes together as a family and talk about the symbols used during Advent.

✝ Discuss how you make visitors to your home feel welcome.

✝ Create your own Advent wreath
https://www.craftingjeannie.com/advent-wreath-craft-free-template/

✝ Create your own Advent calendar
https://mamageek.co.uk/advent-calendar-boxes-free-printable/