



St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary School

R.E. NEWSLETTER for PARENTS

Autumn 2016 (Part 2!)

Dear Parents,

Below you will find information about what your children will be learning about in their Religious Education this half term.

www.clitherowspeaks.wordpress.com

Nursery and Reception— God's Family

"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love....Each human person is made in God's image..."

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In this second half of the Autumn Term, the children will be learning about God's Family. They should already be aware that they belong to a family at home and now they are experiencing what it means to belong to the school family. Their friends and teachers are becoming increasingly important in their lives. As we move towards Advent and Christmas we will begin to develop an awareness of our Church family.



Year 1 – Mary, Our Mother

"In a wholly singular way she co-operated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is mother to us in the order of grace."

Catechism of the Catholic Church



In this topic the children will reflect on Mary's response and know that God sent the Angel Gabriel to ask Mary to be the mother of His son. They will hear about Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth and reflect on their good news. Finally, they will prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Year 2 – Mysteries

"God is one and God is three, a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

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Year 2 will reflect on mysteries in this topic. They will find out that there are three persons in one God and think about how we can experience Him in three different ways. They will also think about how we can love Jesus and know that He is God's gift to the whole world.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Don't forget to check our school website to find a copy of our School Plan which includes plans for this year based on our Catholic Life. www.clitherow.herts.sch.uk

Special times this term

- Thursday 1st December: Key Stage 1 Advent Mass at 9.30am
- Friday, 2nd December at 9.30am – EYFS Nativity Play
- Thursday 8th December: Key Stage 2 Advent Mass at 9.30am
- Tuesday, 13th December at 7pm - KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3 and 5 parents)
- Wednesday, 14th December at 7pm - KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 4 and 6 parents)
- Thursday, 15th December at 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Performance



PRAYER INTENTIONS

E-mail your prayer intentions to prayers@clitherow.herts.sch.uk These will be placed in the box on the Altar and will be a focus for our prayers whenever the children gather together.



Year 3 – Mary, Mother of God

***“Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ and therefore the Mother of God is the first disciple.”
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In this topic the children will find out that God chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son and think about the importance of being chosen. They will find out about the mystery of incarnation. They will also undertake some work on Advent and know that it is a time to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. They will reflect of what this means for us. Towards the end of the topic they will hear about the visit of the wise men and think about the gifts we can offer as children.



Year 4 – Trust in God

***“The action of God in the unfolding history of the covenant relationship and the variety of human response is revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.”
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Year 4 will find out about Jesus’ teaching on the importance of trusting Him. They will know about the promise God made to Mary through the angel Gabriel and how Joseph put his trust in God. Mary’s song of praise, the Magnificat, will be used in this topic. The children will make their own Advent promises at the start of Advent. Finally, they will know that God fulfilled His promise to Mary when Jesus, the Son of God was born.



Year 5 – God’s Covenants

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself” John 14: 6 & 10

Year 5 will spend time in this topic understanding the meaning of covenant. They will reflect on God’s covenant with Noah and on Abraham’s trust in God. They will use the book of Exodus to understand that God guides and challenges His people. They will explore the fact that we need to grow in faith and trust in God. The children will find out that God sent prophets to remind His people of His covenant and reflect on the message of the prophets for us. Towards the end of the topic Year 5 will find out that God makes a New Covenant with us and reflect on our part in the New Covenant.

Year 6 – Justice

***“Love of neighbour...involves working for a just society, both locally and internationally, so that all are assured of fair access to the means of life and work. It includes love for the poor which results in the practical aid of our neighbours in their spiritual and bodily needs.”
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In this topic, Year 6 will find out what justice is and how we are called to work for it. They will understand how God calls all of us to speak out about injustice. They will find out about people who were persecuted because they spoke out against injustice. Once we move into Advent, they will know that it is a time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and understand what it means for us.



We are proud to be a diverse community, fully representative of the Universal Catholic Church.

Our Shine Tree looks great in the hall, displaying the different hearts from every child and member of staff in the school and every visitor that came to see us during Shine Week! Please read our blog to find out more about Shine Week! Let us all continue to shine!

#diverse #unique #beautiful #SHINE



**Our strength comes from unity in this diversity
and in our love for our neighbours across the world.**