

## Year 2



### Advent Term

#### Domestic Church - Family: **Beginnings**

The children will explore the many beginnings each day offers. We learn how God is present in every beginning. We learn about the story of creation and how God was there at the beginning of the world. We look at new beginnings in our lives and how we might feel. We learn that a psalm is a song of praise to God. We become aware that God is always close. Finally, the children will celebrate God's presence at every beginning for them with a class liturgy.

#### Baptism/ Confirmation - Belonging: **Signs and Symbols**

The children will experience a range of signs and symbols and discover the signs and symbols used in Baptism. They review the sacrament of Baptism and how the church family welcome a new baby. We focus on the meaning of the symbols used in Baptism. We learn about the story of Jesus' baptism. Finally, the children will celebrate their knowledge of baptism and feelings of being welcomed with a class liturgy.

#### Advent/ Christmas - Loving: **Preparing**

The children will explore how we prepare for special times. We learn about Advent being 4 weeks of preparation for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas. We learn all about Advent and discuss the use of the Advent wreath. We learn about the different parts of the Christmas story e.g. The Annunciation, The Visitation, The birth, Shepherds, Wise men... Children discover that Jesus came to us as God's gift because he loves us. Finally, the children will celebrate Christmas with a class liturgy.

### Lent Term

#### Local Church - Community: **Books**

The children will explore the different books used at home and at school. They learn about the books used in church on Sunday by the parish family. We focus on the bible and how it is the most special

book. We look at how the bible is divided into the old and new testaments and then the 4 gospels. We look at how we respond in mass to the gospel readings. Finally, the children will celebrate the use of books and how special the bible is with a class liturgy.

### **Eucharist - Relating: Thanksgiving**

The children will explore different ways we can say thank you. We learn about the Eucharist: the parish family thanks God for Jesus. We recall the story of 'The Last Supper'. We learn about the parts of the 4 parts of mass and the responses said by the parish during each part of the mass. (We gather, We listen, We give thanks, We spread the word) Finally the children will celebrate their learning about thanksgiving with a class liturgy.

### **Lent/ Easter - Giving: Opportunities**

The children will explore how each day offers opportunity for good. We learn about Lent being the opportunity to turn towards what is good in preparation for Easter. We learn about the stories of 'Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday'. Finally, the children will celebrate Easter through a class liturgy.

### **Pentecost Term**

#### **Pentecost - Serving: Spread the Word**

The children will explore the different ways we pass on messages and why it is important to pass on messages. We read the story of 'The women told to pass on messages'. We learn about the Holy Spirit, the Ascension and Pentecost. Finally, the children will celebrate how to spread the good news of the Holy Spirit with a class liturgy.

#### **Reconciliation – Inter-relating: Rules**

The children will explore why rules are important and how rules help us around the academy and at home. We discover the reasons for rules within the Christian family and about the sacrament of Reconciliation. We learn the story of Jesus teaching his disciples about forgiving and why we should be able to say sorry and forgive. Finally, the children will celebrate the importance of rules with a class liturgy.

#### **Universal Church - World: Treasures**

The children will explore the various things we treasure in life. We learn that the world is God's treasure given to us and how we should appreciate and care for the world around us. We discover that we are also one of God's treasures. Finally, the children will celebrate the wonderful world that we live in and how we can be good neighbours with a class liturgy.