

Year 6



Advent Term

Domestic Church - Family: **Loving**

In this topic the children will build on their understanding of themselves and the Christian belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God; that God's unconditional love for us is never ending. They will explore how they love and care for themselves and each other. It is in the love of a family that most Christians first experience the reality of Church. Everyone begins life in a home and family or community of some kind. For Christians the pattern and ideal of family life is found in the Scriptures - Jesus was born and lived in a human family. The children will study the scriptures and develop their understanding of God as the loving parent of the human family.

Baptism/ Confirmation - Belonging: **Vocation and Commitment**

Through Baptism and Confirmation, all Christians are called to share the mission of Jesus. In the words of Blessed John Henry Newman: 'He has committed some work to me, which he has not committed to another. I have my mission'. There are many different ways of carrying out that mission. For some people their mission or vocation is as a priest or member of a religious order. In this topic the children will develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, where a person serves Christ in the midst of the community.

Advent/ Christmas - Loving: **Expectations**

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of God's love. Giving and receiving reflects the truth that all life is given by God and life is given meaning through the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time of joyful expectation, as we prepare to receive Jesus into our lives and to share this gift with others at Christmas and throughout the year. In this topic the children will explore the meaning of expectation. They will develop their understanding of Advent, a time of joyful expectation of Christmas, the Word becoming a human person, Jesus. They will share the joy and celebrations of the season as an academy, especially in watching the KS1 Nativity.

Lent Term

Local Church - Community: Sources

The children will look at a wide variety of books and the purpose for which they were written. They will study our holy book - the Bible, in depth. The Bible is the story, spread over two thousand years, of God's love and how God's people responded to that love. Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is also the author of the bible. They will explore all kinds of writings within the Bible and the authors who wanted to tell us about the truth – about God.

Eucharist - Relating: Unity

The children will learn what nourishes and what spoils friendship and unity. For Christians receiving communion means being in union with Jesus Christ and with one another. It means breaking and sharing the consecrated Bread which Catholics believe is the Body of Christ. They will explore the Eucharist which challenges and enables the Christian family to live and grow in communion every day.

Lent/ Easter - Giving: Death and New Life

The children will look at how loss and death bring about change for people. For Christians, it is through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that new life begins. Through learning about the Church's seasons of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, Jesus reveals to them the way to eternal life and so a new life begins here and now, a life which will culminate in future glory.

Pentecost Term

Pentecost - Serving: Witnesses

Christians believe that the spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers which is the Church. The children will learn about the Feast of Pentecost - the celebration both of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses in the world. They will gain an understanding of the courage needed to be a witness.

Reconciliation – Inter-relating: Healing

The children will gain an understanding of the importance of the need to care for people who become sick. They will learn about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick – the Church believes that the anointing of the sick is one of the seven sacraments. It is intended to strengthen those who are ill.

Universal Church - World: Common Good

The common good is central to Catholic Social teaching and is intrinsically linked to social justice. The children will be taught about respect for the human person made in the image of God; the social well-being and development of all; peace between all peoples; understanding of the equality of all and respect for difference; human solidarity and an awareness of being part of God's global family.