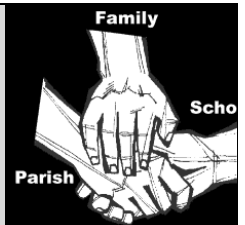


RE NEWSLETTER –Autumn 2 2023

RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM -

From Advent to Christmas Year B Linking School, Parish and Home

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Religious Education

Key Idea: From Advent to Christmas

This topic is intended for the second in the academic year 2023/24. As the days shorten and winter comes upon us we are invited to consider the light of Christ who came into the world at Christmas. As the Gospel of Mark has no story of the birth of Jesus, this topic looks at who Christians around the world celebrate the coming of God into the world.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of the importance of prayer
- A willingness to pray
- An attitude of respect for the many traditions of Christmas
- Appreciation for the gift of God at Christmas

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying this activity while this topic is being taught:

- This topic focuses on how different cultural groups celebrate Christmas. Talk to your children about any particular practices you and your family might have, particularly if, and how, your culture might be evident in what you do. If you can, encourage your children to share your cultural customs with their peers at school.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Loving God, you created people full of dignity still more wonderfully restored our dignity when we failed. At the end of the world, you humbled yourself to live like us, so that we might be able to share his divinity. We ask this through Christ the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Adapted from the Opening Prayer of Christmas Day Liturgy.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

1st November – All Saints
2nd November – All Souls
3rd November – St Martin de Porres
12th November – Remembrance Day
19th November – World Day of the Poor
26th November – Christ the King
26th November - Youth Day
3rd December – 1st Sunday of Advent
8th December – Immaculate Conception
10th December – Our Lady of Loreto
3rd December – Migrants Day

School Dates

Wednesday 1st November – Feast of All Saints – Mass viewed from English Martyrs.
Friday 3rd November - Year 6 Liturgy for feast of St Martin de Porres and own clothes day
Thursday 30th November - Year 3 Liturgy for the feast of St Andrew
Friday 1st December TBC - Advent Liturgies

Christmas Concerts –

- Nursery – Thursday 14th December @ 11am
- Reception- Thursday 7th December @ 10am
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Thursday 7th December @ 10am
- Year 3 and Year 4 – Thursday 7th December @ 2.15pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Thursday 14th December @ 9.30am

Christmas Fayre – Friday 8th December @3.30pm

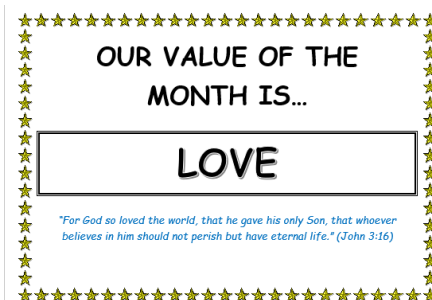
VALUES OF THE MONTH

This term the chaplains will be giving out special certificates for children displaying the value each week.

NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



CLASS SAINTS

Reception – St Francis of Assisi
Year 1 – St Patrick
Year 2- St David
Year 3 – St Andrew
Year 4 – St George
Year 5 – St Vincent De Paul
Year 6 – St Martin de Porres

OTHER FAITHS

This term all classes have learnt about Judaism. Children produced some wonderful work.

CARITAS IN ACTION

This year we will continue to use the new “Rooted in Love” programme created by Caritas Westminster. This is a new project to support schools with their journey in Catholic Social Teaching. The programme runs on a two-year rolling programme covering the following topics:

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace
Spring B	Community and Participation
Summer A	Dignity of Workers
Summer B	Human Dignity

This half term we have studied the topic “Care of Creation”.

PRAYER CYCLE

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions
Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

NOVEMBER

During November, we especially remember those who have died so if your family would like someone special remembered and prayed for during this time. Please encourage your child to write their name in our book of remembrance.

CREATIVE CHALLENGE

This term's creative challenge is to Make your own Advent Wreaths or Nativity scenes.



If you have any questions about this challenge, then please email sterry@clitherow.brent.sch.uk

