



St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary School R.E. NEWSLETTER for PARENTS

Autumn 2016 (Part 1)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. 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 World

“Creation is the first and universal revelation of God’s love”
Religious Education Curriculum Directory

Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it. They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us. They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.



Year 1 – God’s Great Plan

The children will learn about the beauty of God’s world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation. They will also hear about the story of Creation from Genesis and talk about its meaning. They will be reflecting on the knowledge that God made us because he loves us and develop their understanding that we show God we love him by looking after the world and each other. They will learn that we can spoil God’s creation and that we have a responsibility to look after it.

Year 2 – The Chosen People

The children will learn that we are chosen by God and learn that God chose certain people to lead and guide his people. They will learn that God called Abraham and that God chose



Moses to be a great leader. They will also learn about how Samuel responded to God’s call and find out about the story of Daniel in the lions’ den. They will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own response to God’s call.

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

- October is the month of the Rosary
- Friday 7th October: CAFOD family fast day
- **Tuesday 11th October: Harvest Mass at 2pm**
- November is the month of the Holy Souls (a remembrance book will be placed on the Altar in the hall)
- Wednesday 2nd November All Souls Day
- **Friday 11th November: Armistice Day: a reflective silence will be observed in school at 11am. Please do join us if you can.**
- Sunday 20th November: Christ the King
- Sunday 27th November beginning of Advent
- **Thursday 1st December: Key Stage 1 Advent Mass at 9.30am**
- **Thursday 8th December: Key Stage 2 Advent Mass at 9.30am**



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 – The Christian Family

“The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world.”

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The children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.



Year 4 – The Bible

“The Scriptures are the living Word of God, written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit received and faithfully handed on within the living Tradition and teaching of the Church.”

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

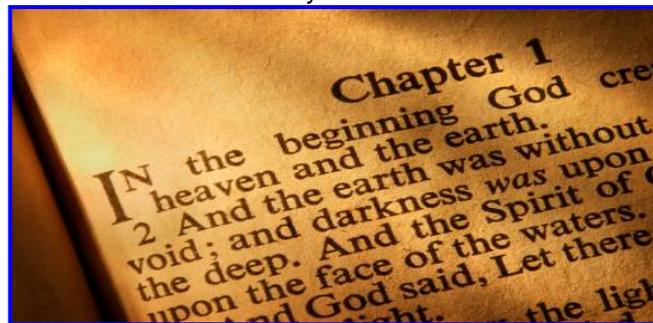
The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God’s love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself. They will learn that the Bible is one story told through many different books and they will learn about Moses, David and Jonah as well as learning how to find a Bible reference.

Year 5 – Gifts from God

“Each human person is unique and made in God’s image and likeness”

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The children will learn the story of Creation and the Fall in the Book of Genesis. They will learn that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all creation with love and respect. They will learn that there are times when we fail to be good stewards of creation. They will also learn that there are people who show great respect for creation and for the weakest members of society.



Year 6 – The Kingdom of God

“The Kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with a humble heart”

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn about the beginning of Jesus’ public life and that he was tempted by the devil. They will know about the conditions for following Jesus and know that Jesus performs mighty works, wonders and signs. They will learn that through his parables Jesus invites people into the Kingdom of God. They will develop an understanding that deeds, and not just words, are required by Jesus, through the example of the Parable of the two sons.

Beautifully diverse – all welcome!

We are proud to be a diverse community, fully representative of the Universal Catholic Church. Our map in the school hall proudly displays the links for pupils across Europe and the wider world. Our strength comes from unity in this diversity and in our love for our neighbours across the world. In these uncertain times, please continue to pray with us for unity in our country and keep the needs of those most vulnerable at this time in your prayers.

During the **week beginning Mon 7th November**, we are planning a themed week which will draw on the whole community’s cultural heritage – please keep some time free during this week to spend with us – details to follow! During this week, we all look forward to learning so much about the heritage of those who make our community so special.

