

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SPRING TERM 2015

COME AND SEE AT HOME



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY 5 JANUARY - 23 JANUARY

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible. the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCHARIST - RELATING 26 JANUARY - 13 FEBRUARY

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

Hinduism ~ 23 February - 6 March

This topic fits in well with our theme for Citizenship Week, 'Helping Others', as we learn to respect all people and how other faiths also follow similar morals to us. The children will be learning about the practices and traditions of Hindus in order to gain a wider understanding of difference and respect for others.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING 9 MARCH - 1 APRIL

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.
If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6th

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12th

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

ST DAVID

March 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19th

PASSION SUNDAY

March 29th

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2nd

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th