

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	2 nd October	Guardian Angels
21 st September	St. Matthew	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	9 th October	St John Henry Newman
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	12 th October	St Wilfrid
30 th September	St. Jerome	13 th October	St Edward the Confessor
1 st October	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	15 th October	St Teresa of Avila
		18 th October	St Luke

Throughout Ordinary Time: Autumn we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

The Harvest - the Fruits of Human Work - and the Reverent Use of Creation

Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, All Victims of War, Young People

Nursery and Reception - Creation and covenant

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about how God made our beautiful world and everything in it. They will understand that God made them, loves them, made us all unique and that we are part of a family. They will celebrate God's beautiful world and understand the words and actions of the sign of the Cross.



At home

You could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is
- encourage them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.

Year 1 - Creation and covenant

The children will learn about the story of Creation in Genesis 1: 1-4, 24-26. They will recognise this as an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world and retell this story in any form. They will understand that people cannot see God but that they can sense his presence through the awe and wonder experienced in the beauty of creation. They will know that Pope Francis wrote a letter, called *Laudato Si*, about the gift of Creation and the importance of taking care of the world as it is everyone's home.

At home

You could help your children by:

- talking about how we can look after the world, e.g. recycling, not dropping litter, conserving energy and how we can care for plants and animals
- look at the trees during the autumn season and talk about the different colours. You could collect leaves to make a collage or painting.

Year 2 - Creation and Covenant

“In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram ... and makes him Abraham, that is, ‘the father of a multitude of nations.’ ... God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt ... he gave them his law so that they would recognise him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Saviour.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church



The children will learn to retell in any form the story of Noah, Genesis 6: 9 -9: 17 focusing on Noah and God’s promise to all living creatures in the sign of the rainbow. They will understand the term ‘stewardship’ and what it means for caring for God’s world. They will understand that the Christian Bible is split into two parts, the Old Testament, and the New Testament. They will explore Baptism and the meaning of symbols used in an infant’s baptism in the Catholic church.

Year 3 - Creation and covenant

The children will develop their understanding on the first Creation story from Genesis, recognising the author’s use of poetic language to describe how the world was formed. They will recognise the belief that humans are made ‘in the image of God’ and talk about what this might mean. They will describe ‘stewardship’ by making simple links between Genesis 1: 26 – 31 and people’s actions today.

At home

You could help your children by:

- sharing your thoughts on the Creation story and how we should treat the world and each other.
- Make your own creation picture.

Year 4 - Creation and covenant

The children will gain understanding on the historical context of Abraham and be able to retell the story of Abraham showing an understanding of the term ‘covenant.’ They will recognise that God’s covenant with Abraham is the foundation of the faith of the people of the Old and New Testaments. They will consider how their own lives and those of others could be transformed by the virtues of faith, hope and love.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reading the story of Abraham together and discussing how his decisions were made through faith, hope and love.

Year 5 - Creation and covenant

The children will learn the story of Moses focusing on the two key events of the call and the covenant (the Burning Bush Ex 3: 1 -15), the Sinai covenant and the Ten Commandments. (Ex 19: 3-8 20: 1 -17)

They will understand what a covenant is recognising that God made several covenants throughout history with Noah, Abraham and Moses. They will reflect on the words and images used to describe Mose's encounter with God.

At home

You could help your children by:

- talking to the children about the story of Moses and the importance of the Ten Commandments.

Year 6 –Creation and covenant

The children will learn about the Church's teaching on the purpose of the second Creation story and the purpose of scientific accounts referencing Laudato Si. They will understand the term 'stewardship.' They will learn to explain some Christian beliefs about the Sacrament of Baptism. They will consider ways in which their life and those of others in their communities could be transformed by the belief in the innate dignity and equality of all human beings.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- asking them to explain the Creation story and how it was written
- discuss what stewardship could mean to them in their lives