

R.E. NEWSLETTER for PARENTS

Summer Term

This term your child(ren) will be studying three topics in religious education:

Messengers & Witnesses, Change, Treasures

Messengers & Witnesses

Your child(ren) will recall the Easter story, Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. Jesus' followers witnessed his Resurrection and gave the message of the Good News to others. Your child(ren) will hear about Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit and how that happened at Pentecost; of how the Holy Spirit gives us strength and courage to witness to God's love.

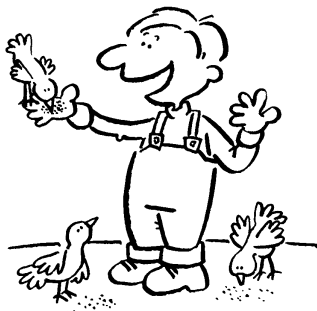


At home you might talk about how we can give and receive messages, and spread the Good News of God's love by our own love. Perhaps remember the Holy Spirit in your prayers by saying 'Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love'

Change

In the second topic *Change*, your child(ren) will learning more about the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This topic starts by looking at what helps people change. They will hear about how Jesus changed the people he met and how we all try to live in God's way but sometimes get it wrong and need to say sorry and ask for forgiveness. Your child(ren) will learn more about the sacrament of Reconciliation.

At home: It would be good if you could talk about how we can change for the better and how important it is to say sorry to be forgiven and to forgive others. Perhaps encourage your child(ren) to think over the day when you say night prayers, to thank God for the good things and say sorry to God in their hearts for anything they have done wrong.



Treasures: Universal Church The final topic is about what we value and treasure, and how God made the world and gave it to us to care for because He loves us. Your child(ren) will be helped to recognise all that is good and lovely in the world, both in nature and in the people God created. As all of creation was made by God we treat it with dignity and reverence

At home: You could grow a plant and watch its wonderful flowering. You might have a recycling project and together take as much as possible to a recycling bank to help conserve the world's precious resources. During the holidays notice more of the gifts of Creation and say thank you to God for it.

Sikhism This term your children will spend a week learning about how Sikhs live and worship

Special days this term: ~ there are some important feasts this term

16th May - The Ascension (a holy day of obligation),

23rd May - Pentecost Sunday,

30th May - Trinity Sunday,

6th June - The Body of Christ - Corpus Christi (a holy day of obligation),

29th June St Peter & Paul (a holy day of obligation)