

**‘LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU’**

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

**Autumn Term 2024**



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

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.

From September 2025 a new RE curriculum will be implemented across all classes. 'To know you more clearly, The Religious Education Directory' sets out the new curriculum following a pattern where children hear, believe, celebrate and live out the Gospel. Over the next academic year, there will be a transitional phase where we move from the old to the new curriculum.

From September 2024, we will begin teaching the new Curriculum in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. To support in teaching this new curriculum teachers will use a scheme called "The Vine and the branches" supplemented with other resources.

Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 will continue using the scheme 'The Way, the Truth and the Life' for this academic year.

In the Autumn term, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will follow the topic Creation to Covenant, differentiated to their ability.

## Reception – God’s World

**“Creation is the first and universal revelation of God’s love”**

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This half term, the children in Reception will be learning about God’s world. 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.

### 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



Year 1 will **hear** the Creation story in Genesis and learn how the Nicene Creed sets out what we, as Catholics, believe. They will explore how we **believe** God is our Father and how through our beautiful Earth he shows his love for us. They will **celebrate** by learning how praying enables us to grow closer to God. They will **live** out God's teachings by exploring how we can care and be stewards of creation.

### 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



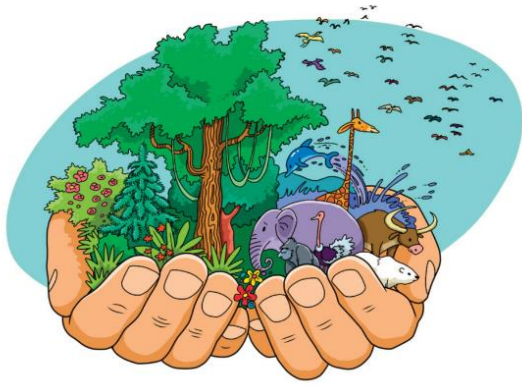
Year 2 will **hear** the story of Noah, focusing on God's covenant (promise) with Noah and all living beings in the sign of the rainbow. They will explore how we **believe** that the Sacrament of Baptism is when a person becomes part of the Christian family and promises to love God. They will explore how the Christian Bible is split into two parts, the Old Testament, and the New Testament. They will **celebrate** by exploring how psalms are prayers to praise God. They will also learn how Sacraments are living signs of Jesus' love for all people and that Baptism is the first sacrament which welcomes people into the Christian family. They will learn how we can **live** as Stewards of Creation and show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other. They will also learn how a baby is baptised in the Catholic Church.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism about their memories of this celebration.

## Year 3 – Creation and Covenant



Year 3 will **hear** the story of creation in Genesis and consider how it expresses our beliefs about God, the world and Humans. They will explore how we **believe** in God as the Creator of the Universe, that all human beings are made in God's image and all people have dignity and are created equal. They will learn that the dignity of all human beings is one of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. They will **celebrate** by learning extracts from a psalm of Creation. They will explore how the praise of Creation is expressed in the prayer and Liturgy of the Church. They will **live** out their faith by learning about ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other. They will also explore ways in which people can give thanks for the blessing of Creation, including spending time in prayer.

### At home

You could help your children by:

Visiting <https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/cst-pack-for-children>

- Explore 'Living out Catholic Social Teaching' ideas. Which ideas do they like? Which do they think they could do?
- Can children add any other ideas to the list?
- How would things be better if everyone tried to do some of these things?

## Year 4 – Creation and Covenant



Year 4 will **hear** the story of Abraham and learn about the historical, cultural, and religious context out of which Abraham was called. They will learn the importance of understanding historical context to appreciate the literal sense of biblical stories. They will explore how we **believe** that God’s covenant with Abraham is the foundation of the faith of the people of the Old and New Testaments: Judaism and Christianity. They will **celebrate** by learning age-appropriate extracts from prayers of faith in God from the Catholic tradition. They will **live** out their faith by exploring the virtues of faith, hope, and love and will learn about the life and work of a person who was an example of faith made active in love.

### At Home

You could help your children by:

- visiting [Abraham's Journey - Kids Bible Maps](#)
- Talk about the virtues: Faith, Hope and Love. Where do you see and experience them in your everyday life?

## 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.

The children will have the chance to:

- appreciate how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for God.
- reflect on times we have failed to show respect and reflect on the gifts and talents God has given each of us.
- reflect on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts.

### At home

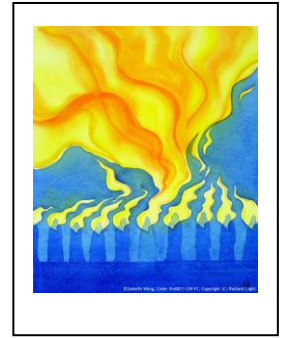
You could help your children by:

- talking to the children about how they could care for creation and the environment
- visit <http://tere.org/interactive/key-stage-2-interactive/> and complete activities.



**“The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to share the mission of the Church.”**

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The children will learn about Jesus’ teaching and example of service of others. They will develop their ability to recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people. They will learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and understand that we receive these gifts in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will have an opportunity to reflect on a life of service through the role of the priest, religious and married life.

### **At Home**

You could help your children by:

- visiting <http://tere.org/interactive/key-stage-2-interactive/>
- discuss the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- discuss the many ways in which we can be called to serve God and our neighbour
- chat about their gifts and talents, both obvious ones and hidden ones