Autumn Term 2

RE and Other World Faiths Newsletter

Prophecy and Promise
Hinduism







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Dear Parents and Carers,

In response to our recent survey, please find information to the RE curriculum that will be taking place this half term. All classes across school study the same RE topic, however, they approach this from a different angle. This half term, the children are also learning about Hinduism. If you have any questions relating to your child's Religious Education, please speak to their class teacher.

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God. We also journey towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find what your child is learning about in each year group up to the end of this half term. We hope you find this newsletter informative and of interest.

The following table provides dates from the Catholic Church's calendar that mark or celebrate significant days or saints days during this half term.

2nd November All Souls	30th November St Andrew
8th November Remembrance Sunday	3rd December St Francis Xavier
10th NovemberSt Leo the Great	6th December Second Sunday of Advent
11th NovemberSt Martin of Tours (Remembrance Day)	7th December St Ambrose
17th NovemberSt Hilda of Whitby	8th December Immaculate Conception of Mary
21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	13th December Third Sunday of Advent
22nd November Christ the King (Youth Sunday)	20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent
23rd November St Clement	24th December Christmas Eve
29th NovemberFirst Sunday of Advent	25th December The Nativity of the Lord

Throughout Ordinary Time in November the Church asks Catholics to pray for the following intentions: *All Victims of War* especially on Remembrance Sunday (2nd Sunday in November) and *Young People* especially on Youth Day (Christ the King). During Advent and at Christmas the Church asks Catholics to pray for *Openness to the Word of God* especially on Bible Sunday (2nd Sunday of Advent), *Migrants and Refugees* especially on Migrant's Day (3 December) and *Expectant Mothers* especially on 4th Sunday of Advent.

All pupils are taught religious education through the Catholic RE programme called '*Lighting the Path*' published by Oxford University Press and approved by the Diocese of Leeds. *Lighting the Path* follows a spiral curriculum which means that each year group follows the same broad theme, but the content differs depending on the age of pupils.

'Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light on my path'

Psalm 119:105

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What is your child learning this half term?

EYFS
Nursery & Reception



Prophecy and Promise

- Learn about the birth of Jesus and how Christians prepare for his birth during Advent.
- Understand that God loves everyone and sends the gift of Jesus.
- Hear the story of Jesus' birth from Luke: the Annunciation and the visit of the shepherds.

Year 1



Prophecy and Promise

- Learn that God sent the Angel Gabriel with a message to Mary.
- Understand why Mary is important.
- Reflect on Mary's 'Yes' to God and the presence of angels.
- Explore how art and the Hail Mary express our faith.

Year 2



Prophecy and Promise

- Study the infancy narratives in Luke.
- Learn about the announcement of John the Baptist, the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the birth of Jesus and the visit of the shepherds.
- Focus on the Holy Spirit and the contrast between light and darkness.

Year 3



Prophecy and Promise

- Recall the day of rest in Genesis and link to the Christian day of rest (Sunday).
- Take part in the Liturgy of the Word.
- Explore Abraham's response to God's promise and how God keeps his promises.
- Study the announcements to Joseph and Mary.

From promise... *...to fulfilment*



Year 4



Prophecy and Promise

- Explore God's call to Moses and the story of the Exodus.
- Understand that God keeps his promises and leads his people to freedom.
- Make links to people today who work for justice, peace and the dignity of all.
- Reflect on Advent as a time to prepare for Jesus' coming.

Year 5



Prophecy and Promise

- Understand the role of the prophets and how they called people to turn to God.
- Explore key prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.
- Look at the life and message of prophets such as Isaiah.
- Reflect on how Christians wait and prepare during Advent.

Year 6



Prophecy and Promise

- Explore the long history of God's promises from Creation to the coming of Jesus.
- Understand how the prophets prepared the way for the Messiah.
- Reflect on the fulfilment of God's promises in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Consider how we continue to live out God's promises today.

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At Home

Ideas to support your child's learning

EYFS
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- Remind your child that Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to us and not just about receiving presents.
- Take them to see the baby Jesus at church during the Christmas season.

Year 1



- Reinforce why Mary is important for Christians.
- Discuss the importance of mothers.
- If you send Christmas cards, opt to send some that depict the birth of Jesus in art and talk about what they show.

Year 2



- Read the Christmas story together and encourage your child to ask questions.
- Talk about the characters in the story – John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, the shepherds and why they are important.
- Explore the difference between light and darkness and what it might mean.

Year 3



- Talk about why a day of rest is important.
- Read and reflect on the story of Creation.
- Explore how we can respond to God's promises in our own lives.
- Encourage your child to think about how they can be a peacemaker and show kindness.

Year 4



- Read the story of Moses and the Exodus together.
- Discuss how God keeps his promises and leads his people to freedom.
- Talk about ways we can work for justice, peace and the dignity of all people today.
- Use Advent as a time to prepare for Jesus' coming.

Year 5



- Explore the role of the prophets and how they called people to turn to God.
- Read about the messages of prophets such as Isaiah.
- Discuss how we can listen to God's word in our lives.
- Encourage your child to think about how we can prepare during Advent.

Year 6



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Our learning journey from Reception to Year 6

Reception



Diwali

- Learn about Diwali.
- Find out why it is important for Hindu people.

Year 1



Krishna and Ganesh
Raksha Bandhan

- Learn about Krishna and Ganesh.
- Explore Raksha Bandhan.
- Find out how stories bring people together.

Year 2



Prayer at home (Puja)

- Learn about Puja.
- Find out how prayer is part of Hindu life.
- Explore quiet times for prayer.

Year 3



The Mandir

- Learn about the Mandir.
- Find out how Hindu people worship.
- Explore what makes the Mandir a special place.

Year 4



Vedas and Bhagavad-Gita

- Learn about the Vedas and the Bhagavad-Gita.
- Explore why these books are important to Hindu people.
- Find out how they guide Hindu people in their lives.

Year 5



Brahman, belief in one God, pilgrimage

- Learn about Brahman and the belief in one God.
- Find out what is important to Hindus.
- Explore pilgrimage.

Year 6



Karma

- Learn about Karma and Dharma.
- Explore how Hindu people care for creation.
- Find out what it means to live a good life.
- Consider the value of atonement (responsibility for our actions).