



## RE Newsletter Autumn Term 2024

	<b>Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant</b>
<b>EYFS</b>	God made our world. God made me. <b>(Gen 1)</b>
<b>Year 1</b> Revelation – How people know about God	The creation story. God the Creator & Father of all. God our Father loves us. Caring for Creation. Prayer -talking to God. The Creed. <b>(Gen. 1, 24 – 26)</b>
<b>Year 2</b> Baptism	Story of Noah – God’s covenant. Introduction of idea of Sin (turning away from God, acting badly). Sacrament of Baptism. The bible – Old & New Testament. <b>(Gen 9, Psalm 139)</b>
<b>Year 3</b> Eucharist – Mass	Revisit the Creation story- use of symbolism to explain the relationship between God, humans & the world The ‘holy’ day. The Holy Trinity. <b>(Gen 1 -2)</b>
<b>Year 4</b> People whose lives are transformed by faith and hope. (Abraham/Elijah/John the Baptist/ St Paul)	Story of Abraham. God’s covenant with Abraham. Abraham & Sarah. Abraham & Isaac. Story of Joseph (opt). The historical, cultural & religious context. <b>(Gen 12, 15, 18, 22)</b>

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. We begin our term with a focus on Creation (Branch 1), thanking God for all that He has done for us and how we can best look after His beautiful world.

The beginning of November marks the time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God. We then move towards the season of Advent (Branch 2) when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

As the first educators of your child/ren, please see the suggested activities to support their RE learning at home. This term we are using the new Religious Education Directory planning for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4).

If you would like to know more about the new RE Directory, please use the link below to download a copy.

[Religious Education Directory \(RED\)](#)

### Branch 1- Creation and Covenant

‘The Heavens are telling of the glory of God.’[Ps19:1]. In this branch pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis and scientific explanation of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

### **Suggestions for home activities**

Read or listen to the story of Creation. What would you like to thank God for? Create a piece of artwork to represent your understanding of the Creation story. You could do a painting, a collage, or find another creative way to express your feelings.

	Branch 2 – Prophecy and promise
<b>EYFS</b>	The Christmas Story. (Luke 1 – 2)
<b>Year 1</b> Revelation – How people know about God	The Christmas Story. God sent his Son because He loves us. Jesus is God made visible. Mary – Jesus’s mother. The Bible. The Hail Mary. (Luke 1 – 2)
<b>Year 2</b> Baptism	Birth & annunciation of John the Baptist & Jesus. The Visitation. Advent. (Luke 1, 2)
<b>Year 3</b> Eucharist – Mass	Why Christians go to Mass. What happens at Mass. The Nativity Story. (Isiah 1, Matt 1, Lk 1)
<b>Year 4</b> People whose lives are transformed by faith and hope. (Abraham/Elijah/John the Baptist/ St Paul)	Miracle of the flour & oil. Elijah’s encounter with God. Preaching of John the Baptist. The ancestry of Jesus. What is meant by ‘Prophecy’. (1Kings 17, 19, Matt 1 & 3, Mark 1, Isiah 40,)

### Branch 2 Prophecy and Promise

In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets’ [Heb1:1]. The prophets speak Of God reaching to his people, calling them back into a relationship with him. In this branch, pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God’s promise in the Messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupil will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.

### Suggestions for home activities

Discuss how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, and Jesse tree. Use CAFOD or Misso websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

### Important Dates from the Church’s Calendar

**Our Lady of Walsingham** 24<sup>th</sup> September- **St Francis of Assisi** 4<sup>th</sup> October –  
**St Teresa of Avila** 15<sup>th</sup> October – **All Saints** 1<sup>st</sup> November [We celebrate the lives of people who have responded to God’s invitation of love.  
**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** [All Souls] 2<sup>nd</sup> November- On this day and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen***  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**- 24<sup>th</sup> November  
**Advent begins 1<sup>st</sup> December**- Advent means ‘coming’. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is the only the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**- 9<sup>th</sup> December. The feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was ‘full of grace’ from the beginning and devoted

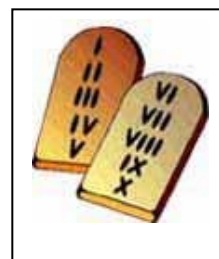
## Year 5 – The Commandments/God’s Covenants

The children will learn that God loves us and calls us into friendship with him.

The children will understand that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God to help us. They will learn how Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments (Matthew 22: 36-40) and begin to understand how we can show our love for God by keeping his commandments with his help.

The children will also learn that God sent his Son Jesus into the world because he loves us, and that we celebrate this gift at Christmas.

At home – you could help your children by talking to them about how we try to live by the Ten Commandments.



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## Year 6 – Justice

***“Love of neighbour ... involves working for a just society, both locally and internationally”***

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The children will learn that God called the prophets from the Old Testament and learn about the different ways they responded. They will learn that the prophets spoke out against injustice and that some prophets were persecuted because they spoke out.

They will learn that Christians are called to work for justice and find out about individuals who have been persecuted for speaking out against injustice. The children will learn that Advent is a time of waiting and hoping for the birth of the Messiah at Christmas and understand that the birth of Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- thinking about how your family could support the work of CAFOD
- visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) to learn more about CAFOD and its work in the developing world
- include an intention for people fighting injustice in your prayers with the children.