

The Autumn term's theme in Religious Education is about understanding where we come from in the light of Creation, explored through the topics **Family, Belonging and Loving**. We will also spend one week finding out about another World religion - Judaism.

### **DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY**

*(start of term – 6<sup>th</sup> October)*

In the first topic, the children will focus on life as a gift, ourselves as unique and loved creations, and the love and care that can be expressed in our family groups.

#### **Suggestions for home activities**

***Make a collage using family photos of all significant family members – grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles, cousins etc- including those who may have died.***

### **BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION - BELONGING**

*(9<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November)*

In the next topic, we will focus on the call to belong, and on Baptism and Confirmation, sacraments of God's gift of life and friendship.



#### **Suggestions for home activities**

***Talk about your child's baptism, how special it was, and the people who shared the day with you. Look at photos if possible.***

### **OTHER WORLD RELIGION - Judaism**

*(13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November)*



Each year group will be learning about a different aspect of Judaism, its beliefs and practices.

#### **Suggestions for home activities**

***Ask children to tell you about what they have learnt, and maybe research some other facts about the Jewish people and their faith.***



### **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING**

*(20<sup>th</sup> November – end of term)*

The final topic of the term is **Loving**. The children will focus on our capacity to enter into loving relationships and the perfect gift, given in God's love, Jesus, who was born as one of us.

#### **Suggestions for home activities**

***Discuss how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Use the CAFOD website to get a religious Advent calendar.***

### **Special Feast Days and Celebrations**

Feast of All Saints – 1<sup>st</sup> November  
School will join the parish for Mass in church at  
**10am**

Feast of All Souls (remembering all the faithful  
departed) – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Feast of St Charles - 4<sup>th</sup> November

First Sunday of Advent – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**School Advent Carol Service –**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm (in church)

Christmas Day, the Birth of Baby Jesus – 25<sup>th</sup>  
December

**One year group will be going to Mass in church each  
Tuesday morning at 9.30 am. Families and friends are  
welcome to attend all school and parish Masses.**

WEEKEND MASSES IN CHURCH ARE HELD  
ON SATURDAYS AT 5PM  
AND  
ON SUNDAYS AT 9.30 AND 11 AM  
All welcome



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