

Year 2 Curriculum

Unit A – Old Testament: Stories and Prayers.

Children will know that there are two parts to the Bible. Know stories about different people in the Old Testament who were called into friendship with God; recognise that psalms are special songs to praise and thank God. Understand that in the Old Testament we can discover some important images of God for Christians today.

Unit B – Sharing in the Life of Jesus: Mary, the Disciples, Saints and Us.

Children will know important stories from the New Testament about the life of Jesus and Mary and the call of the disciples; know that the Rosary is a special form of Christian prayer. Know about the example of saints and important events in their lives. Understand and take part in a moment of stillness and prayer.

Unit C – Advent.

Children will know that Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas; describe the Advent Wreath and explain why it is a symbol of preparation for Christmas. Know the story of John the Baptist about preparing the way for Jesus. Describe some ways the parish prepares for Christmas.

Unit D – Christmas.

Children will know and be able to sequence the story of Christmas from the annunciation to the flight into Egypt. Be able to trace the journey of Mary and Joseph on a map. Understand some of the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph and why their journeys to Bethlehem and Egypt were necessary.

Unit E – Parables and Miracles.

Children will know a range of parables and miracles and understand Jesus' qualities as a healer and teacher. Know that the Church carries on Jesus' work of healing through the Sacrament of the Sick.

Unit F – Special Celebrations.

Children will know the Seasons of the Liturgical year and be able to describe some of the customs and symbols associated with them. Know that the Sacraments are special celebrations and identify some of the rituals that take place in Baptism and Marriage.

Unit G – Lent.

Children will know the importance of Jesus' teaching about forgiveness. Be able to express the difficulties associated with being a forgiving person. Some understanding of how we experience forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Unit H – Holy week.

Children will know the sequence of events of Holy Week. Think of reasons why Christians praise and thank Jesus today. Understand something of the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper and reflect on his suffering and death.

Unit I – Easter.

Children will know a range of stories about the Resurrection and the Risen Jesus, the other characters involved and their reactions. Be able to identify the symbols used during the Easter Season and explain their significance.

Unit J – Pentecost.

Children will know the story of Pentecost and understand that the Holy Spirit was the promised gift of Jesus. Recognise the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians today. Recognise that Confirmation is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Unit K – Our Church.

Children will know that the Church is the Family of God and that the church building symbolises the beliefs of the people. Be able to recognise the different roles and responsibilities of people in the parish community.

Unit L – The Mass.

Children will have an understanding of the sequence of the Mass and of the meaning of some of the words and actions. Understand some reasons why the Mass is an important celebration for the Church. Be able to join in important responses during the Mass.