

St Edmund's and St Patrick's RE News

"Serve one another humbly in love"

Galatians 5:13



Dear parents and carers

Welcome to our first RE Newsletter. We will be sending a specific newsletter once every half-term, focussing on the Catholic Life of our schools, including the teaching of Religion lessons and how we celebrate our faith and live out our Mission.

This first edition shares some of the amazing work that has been done in lessons across both schools, as well as some of the fantastic displays. It also provides you with information for how we gather together in prayer on a weekly basis

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RE Curriculum

From the start of September, all classes at both schools have been following the Oxford University Press RE scheme called **LIGHTING THE PATH**. Some classes trialled some of the units of work last year in line with guidance from the Salford Diocese Education Team.

This scheme is linked to the Religious Education Directory which Catholic Schools in England and Wales must follow and it is structured to help children hear, believe, celebrate, and live the Gospel.

Pupil's learning is split into 6 branches (units of work) and they complete one each half term:

BRANCH 1 – Creation and Covenant

BRANCH 2 – Prophecy and Promise

BRANCH 3 – Galilee to Jerusalem

BRANCH 4 – Desert and Garden

BRANCH 5 – To the ends of the Earth

BRANCH 6 - Dialogue and Encounter

– this unit gives children the opportunity to study other World Religions

RE CURRICULUM - AUTUMN 1

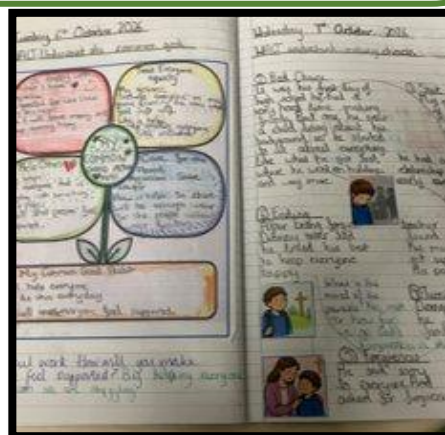
This half term, all our pupils from EYFS up to Year 6 have studied the topic of CREATION and COVENANT.

This branch introduces pupils to God as the creator who calls his people. Children have examined the Christian belief that God is the source of all creation, studying the Genesis creation stories. They have explored God's call and his promise to his people, beginning with Abraham and Moses and continuing through the Old Testament.

Yesterday was the first meeting for our children who wish to make their First Holy Communion this year. The Presentation Mass is on Sunday 15th November at 9.30am and the date for First Holy Communion is

Sunday 20th June.

If you would like your child to join the Sacramental Programme and they are not in Year Three, please let school staff or Fr Paul know.



Term: Autumn 1 Week 6

WALT: talk about how to prayer and to make the sign of the cross.

Flashback

Targeted questions for RS, R, AA – all able to share a correct answer.

Senay was able to recall what God created first.

AA was able to talk about how keeping the roads tidy will help look after God's world.

We looked at different images of people praying and a video of people praying the sign of the cross in different languages. We noticed that the actions were the same in all languages.

Consolidation in Provision...

We made the sign of the cross and then ordered pictures to show the process of how we make the sign of the cross.

ARL & Next Steps...

All children were able to make the sign of the cross.

"They are praying" Tanvi

"Talking to God" Niyola

"I can make the sign of the cross" Rafa

"Touch your head first" Ty'hiera

Misconceptions

Some children used the wrong hand to make the sign of the cross to begin with. Some children touched their right shoulder first.



Collective Worship

The opportunity to gather in prayer is an important part of daily life in our schools. We pray in class at key points throughout the day. On a Monday, we have an assembly where we listen to Sunday's Gospel and reflect on what this means for us. On a Tuesday, each class goes to our dedicated prayer space to Celebrate God's word. On a Friday at 9am, we gather to celebrate the successes of the week in our Celebration Assembly.

On a Wednesday, we have either a Celebration of the Word or a hymn singing assembly at 2.50pm. Parents are invited to our celebrations on a Wednesday or Friday

