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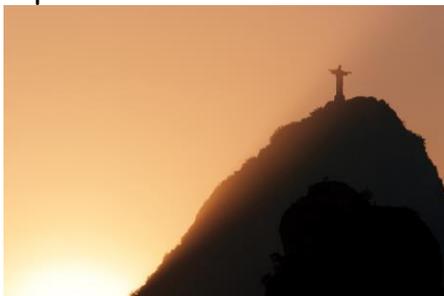
Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus

Spring/Lent Terms

This term your child(ren) will be studying four topics in Religious Education:

Christmas - Revelation – Lent – Holy Week

Revelation is the first main topic this term. We explore stories from scripture which show how special Jesus is, focussing particularly on the miracles in the Infants. The Lower Juniors will explore the revelation of Jesus as the Light of the World. The Upper Juniors look at the personal relationship St Paul enjoyed with God and what is meant by the 'Apostolic Tradition'.



Suggestions for home activities

Pray the 'Our Father' and talk about what the words mean and how we can make 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven' real in our lives today.



Lent is a key topic this term. We explore this season as a time to get ready for Easter by changing as those who met Jesus changed. We focus on prayer, fasting, forgiveness and giving to charity as a way to prepare ourselves.

Suggestions for home activities

Think about doing something extra at home for Lent.

Pray for someone in your lives that you do not like very much. Ask Jesus to help you to see Him in them and to help you to 'love your neighbour as yourself'.

Special feasts this term

Saturday 6th Jan Epiphany
Sunday 8th Jan Baptism of the Lord

2nd Feb Presentation in the Temple

14th Feb Ash Wednesday,
Lent begins

1st March, St David patron of Wales

11th March Mothering Sunday

17th March, St Patrick, patron of Ireland

19th March St Joseph

25th March Palm Sunday

29th March Holy Thursday

30th March Good Friday

31st March Holy Saturday

1st April Easter Sunday



Christmas – we will spend a short while at the beginning of term reflecting on the importance of the birth of Jesus and the coming of the Messiah into our world. We will explore the role of the angels in bringing the news to the chosen few and what these people did in reaction to the news. Also we think about who brings the Good News to our world now and how we are called to be God's messengers here on earth.



Holy Week

Holy Week Your child(ren) will hear the story of how Jesus gave His life for love of us and how God our Father raised Him to new life at Easter.

Suggestions for home activities

Find out when the Holy Week services are at Church and try to go with your child(ren). Read the Easter story together and make an Easter garden on an old tray, using plants, stones and a little white cloth.