St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Summer 1 2025

Dear Parents,

Please find below information about the topics children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term. EYFS – Year 4 will use the new Religious Education directory '***To Know You More Clearly'*** and Year 5 and 6 will use **'The Way, The Truth and The Life'.**

BRANCH 5 – To the Ends of the Earth
22th April – 23rd May



EYFS To the Ends of the Earth



In Reception, the children will listen to the story of Pentecost, where they will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through a simple telling of this important event, they will discover how it marks the beginning of the early Christian community as depicted in Acts 2:42-47. The children will understand that Pentecost is not just a historical event; it is a special celebration within the Church, highlighting how Sunday holds significance for all Christians. As they engage with this topic, they will recognise that the parish church is a gathering place for the parish family to come together in celebration. Furthermore, they will learn about the inherent connection between all people as God's children, embracing both our differences and our shared identity as one family – God's family, where we support and enrich each other's lives.



Year 1 To the Ends of the Earth



In Year 1, the children will explore the remarkable events following Jesus' Resurrection, such as the Road to Emmaus, where two disciples, filled with confusion and hope, encountered the risen Christ. They were initially unaware of His identity, but as Jesus explained the scriptures to them, their hearts burned with joy and recognition. In addition to this, the children will learn about the Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension, which marks the day when Jesus returned to heaven, leaving behind a powerful mission for His followers. They will connect these stories to the broader mission of the Church, understanding how Jesus' announcement in Luke's Gospel, which proclaimed good news to the poor, aligns with the values and actions of modern-day Catholics. Moreover, through art, music, and conversations about how different cultures celebrate Pentecost, they will appreciate the diverse expressions of the Holy Spirit's presence.



Year 2 To the Ends of the Earth



In Year 2, the children will sequence the key events from the Resurrection of Jesus to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will explore St Luke's gospel, which tells the story of Jesus' life and includes the Acts of the Apostles, capturing the early Church's experiences. One pivotal scripture they will learn about is the Conversion of Saul (Acts 9:1-19), where they will recognise how Saul transformed from a persecutor of Christians to a devoted follower of Christ. Through this, the children will reflect on the fruits of the Spirit, as described in St Paul's letters (Galatians 5:22), understanding how these qualities help Christians in their daily lives. They will also express their thoughts and feelings about the resurrection appearances of Jesus and consider how the Holy Spirit guides them, identifying symbols like wind, fire, and dove in art that represent their journey in faith.

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Year 3 To the Ends of the Earth



In Year 3, the children will engage deeply with the teachings of Scripture, particularly focusing on the stories of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). As the children explore these passages, they will discover how they connect to the celebration of Mass, where Christians gather to remember and encounter Jesus. A vital aspect of our learning will be the mystery of God as Trinity, which Christians believe consists of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We will discuss significant prayers, such as 'Glory Be' and 'Come, Holy Spirit', that express our faith in the Trinity, and understand the importance of symbols like the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. Furthermore, we will reflect on Mary's role in the early Church, discussing how she intercedes for us, and consider the experiences of the disciples as they transitioned from the Ascension to Pentecost. Through these discussions, we will wonder about the feelings of the disciples and explore various symbols of the Trinity.



Year 4 To the Ends of the Earth



In Year 4, the children will explore significant connections between Peter's experiences in the New Testament and the foundational beliefs of Christianity. For instance, while reflecting on John 20:1-10, pupils will contemplate Peter's emotions upon discovering the empty tomb and how this moment correlates with his declaration of faith in Matthew 16:13-20, where Jesus identifies Peter as the rock. They will also discuss Peter's three denials of Jesus compared to Christ's three questions in John 21:15-17, which demonstrate Jesus' forgiveness and restoration. Through understanding the term 'apostle', the children will recognise the Church as 'apostolic', examining its structure as one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic. Furthermore, the children will explore the ongoing work of the Church and discuss the 'communion of saints', acknowledging Mary's honoured position as the Queen of Heaven. Finally, they will engage with the Apostles' Creed and express their feelings about artistic representations of Mary.



Year 5 Life in the Risen Jesus



Year 5 will delve into the important topic of the resurrection of Jesus which not only signifies His victory over death but also enriches our understanding of life and faith. The children will explore how the resurrection influences our daily lives and allows us to reflect on its significance. Furthermore, we will discuss the Spirit of Jesus and how it manifests within the church, reminding us that His presence continues to guide us. As we learn about the different ways Jesus is present among us, we will consider how we can embody His teachings in our own lives. Additionally, we will investigate the various methods of prayer, understanding how Jesus instructs us to communicate with God. This exploration will help us reflect on the crucial role that prayer plays in our spiritual journey.



Year 6 The Transforming Spirit

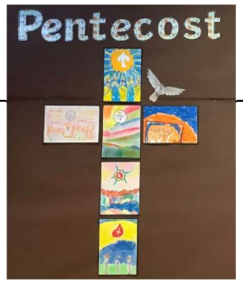


Year 6 will learn about and reflect upon the Ascension and the transformation produced by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will learn about and reflect on the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul and learn that the Pope is the successor of Peter.

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Purposeful End Point

CHURCH DISPLAY ART WORK

In each area of our curriculum, we finish our topic with a 'Purposeful End Point' giving extra significance to the children's learning. This is especially relevant in RE, encouraging them to **live** our mission statement and helping them flourish not only in school, but also within the wider community.

As St Gregory's church reopens, we are pleased to confirm that each class will contribute a piece of artwork celebrating our studies about the Resurrection and Ascension. These displays will not only adorn the church but also remind us of how the Spirit ignited the passion of the Apostles. Through our artwork, we can further uplift the spirits of those who come to worship.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS HALF TERM:

St George's Day 23rd April
MAY THE MONTH OF MARY
Year 3 Holy Communion 4th May
Ascension Thursday 29th May
Pentecost Sunday 8th May

Thank you for taking the time to read our RE newsletter; we hope you have enjoyed reading about all things RE. Don't forget to check out your class's knowledge organiser to find out ways that you can help at home. All things 'RE' are uploaded to the RE section of the school website found under: 'key information' and 'curriculum'. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or questions.

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