



St. Bernard's RC Primary

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Religious Education: Spring 1 2022 - 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have enjoyed a happy and holy Christmas break.

Below, you will find information about what your children will be learning in Religious Education this half term.

We will also be getting ready to prepare for Lent. On 3rd February, we will be welcoming Bishop Mark to school for a visit.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

6th January	Epiphany of the Lord
8th January	The Baptism of the Lord
31st January	St John Bosco
2nd February	The Presentation of the Lord
8th February	St Josephine Bakhita
11th February	Our Lady of Lourdes - Mary our Mother
22nd February	Ash Wednesday

What We're Learning

Nursery

The Holy Family

This half term, we will be learning about Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the story of Jesus getting lost in the Temple. We will think about how Mary and Joseph felt about this and how happy they were when they found Him.

The children will learn that Jesus loves little children and will think of ways to be kind and helpful to others. They will talk about how the Good Samaritan helped the man who was hurt and how we should be like him.

At home you could help your child by:

- sharing that Jesus is your friend.
- talking about how you are part of the Church and school family.
- discussing ways that they can help others.

Reception

Getting to Know Jesus

This half term, the children will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.

At home you could help your child by:

- saying or sharing prayers together
- talking about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> giving them jobs which help at home
<u>Team 1</u> Families and Celebrations	<p>In Team 1, we will be learning about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. We will also learn what it means to belong to the Church family.</p> <p>We will hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. We will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.</p> <p><u>At home you could help your child by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives encouraging children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas and Easter.
<u>Team 2</u> The Good News	<p>In Team 2, we will learn that Jesus brought the Good News of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events.</p> <p>We will reflect on how we can bring good news to our family and friends.</p> <p><u>At home you could help your child by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reading stories about Jesus helping people sharing opportunities when we can give thanks to God
<u>Team 3</u> The Sacrament of Reconciliation	<p>We will be developing our understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. We will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus. We will learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness and begin to learn the Act of Sorrow. We will learn that Lent is a time to change in order to prepare for Easter.</p> <p><u>At home you could help your child by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> thinking about how Jesus changes our lives talking about how the Sacrament of Reconciliation and your own experience of receiving the Sacrament discuss how to be a good role model
<u>Team 4</u> Jesus, the Teacher	<p>This half term, the children in Team 4 will learn that Jesus was born into a Jewish family and find out about the story of the presentation in the Temple. They will learn that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult read the Torah. They will know that Jesus travelled about teaching people.</p> <p>We will learn that Jesus came to show us the way to live, understand why Jesus used parables to teach people and know and understand some of the parables Jesus told. We will reflect on the relevance of the parables today and recognise that Lent gives us an opportunity to live as Jesus wants us to.</p> <p><u>At home you could help your child by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reading some well known parables talk about what they mean for us

<p><u>Team 5</u></p> <p>Inspirational People</p>	<p>This half term, the children in Team 5 will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn what makes a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus. They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.</p> <p><u>At home you could help your child by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss and research some information about inspirational people and saints • discuss what makes a person inspirational
<p><u>Team 6</u></p> <p>Exploring the Mass</p>	<p>We will be learning that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They will begin to understand that in the Mass we participate in Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father and learn what happened at the Last Supper.</p> <p>We will learn the different parts of the Mass and become familiar with most of the responses. The children will learn that the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass and become the body and blood of Jesus. They will think about Jesus' sacrifice and the sacrifices they can make during Lent.</p> <p><u>At home you could help your child by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussing how they can prepare for Lent • get them to explain what they have been learning during their RE lessons.