

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),
As we return from the summer break the children are experiencing lots of new things, different classes, teachers and new work.

The focus of our term's work in Religious Education is Life and Creation. We will be exploring the topics **Babies, Initiation** and **Gifts**. The children will also spend 2 weeks studying Judaism.



BABIES

In this first topic the children will learn about God giving life to every baby and will explore the joys and challenges of receiving, sharing and growing in love. They will be encouraged to wonder at the mystery of each new life that has been created by God in his image and likeness and is loved and cared for by Him like a parent. They will explore lots of Scripture about God as loving parent.

Suggestions for home activities

- *Talk to your child about his/her arrival into the family and things that family members said about them, e.g. family characteristics.*
- *Together, look at photographs or videos of them as babies and recall their story of coming into the world, their first year and the care they needed.*

INITIATION

The next topic for the term is **Initiation**. In this topic the children will be learning about the Sacraments of Baptism, and in Key Stage 2, Confirmation, and how these Sacraments are a call to new life. They are also helped to grow in awareness of Catholic Christians initiation into the Church.

Suggestions for home activities

- *Discuss with your children how you, as a family welcome visitors to your home.*
- *Talk together about what your child has learnt about Christian Baptism and/or Confirmation*

GIFTS

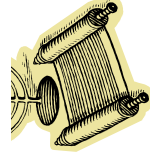
The final topic of the term is **Gifts**. This topic takes us into our Advent season. The children learn about Advent as a time of looking forward to and preparing for the birthday of Jesus, God's gift to the whole world.

Suggestions for home activities

- *If appropriate, at home have an Advent Wreath or calendar to 'countdown' the time of preparing for Christmas.*
- *Share together what you know about Advent as a season of the Church's year.*
- *Use the CAFOD or Mission Together website to get a religious Advent calendar.*

JUDAISM

We shall be studying various aspects of Judaism this term and renewing links with King David Jewish Primary School.



IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

All Saints

*(1st November
celebrated on 31st October)*

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

All Souls

(2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died .

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Christ the King

(21st November)

ADVENT

(Begins 28th November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

The Immaculate Conception

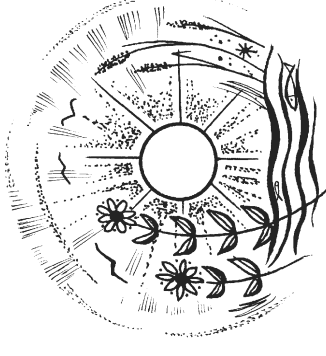
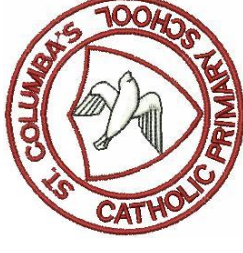
(8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

Christmas Day

(25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.



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