



*RE Newsletter  
The Way, Truth and Life  
Autumn 1 2023*



*"Loving, Learning and Laughter Together with God"*

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth!*

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Dear Parents,

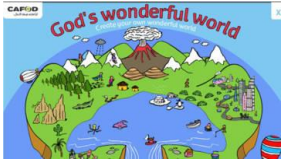
Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning about in their Religious Education this half-term.



We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their Religious Education.

**Dates from the Church's calendar:**

3rd September	St. Gregory the Great
4th September	St Cuthbert
5 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Teresa of Calcutta
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady's Birthday
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady of Sorrows
21 <sup>st</sup> September	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady of Walsingham
27 <sup>th</sup> September	St Vincent de Paul
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
30 <sup>th</sup> September	St Jerome
2nd October	Guardian Angels
4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Francis of Assisi
6th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Blessed John Henry Newman
10 <sup>th</sup> October	St Paulinus
12 <sup>th</sup> October	St Wilfrid
13 <sup>th</sup> October	St Edward the Confessor
15th October	St Teresa of Avila
18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke the Evangelist



## Pre-School - God's Wonderful World

Children begin to hear about God's wonderful world.

They come to know that God loves each one always and at all times.

*Religious Education Curriculum Directory (3-4)*

This half-term the children in Pre-School will be reflecting upon God's wonderful world. They will come to know that God made us and loves each one of us always.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- \* Saying prayers together
- \* Talking about God's wonderful world together
- \* Read *Guess How Much I love you* and talk about it together

## Reception - God's World

**"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love"**

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*Religious Education Curriculum Directory (4-5)*

This half term, the children in Foundation will be learning about God's world. Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it. "God's Wonderful World" CAFOD materials will be explored, which will provide a wider insight into our friends around our world. They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us. They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.

### At Home

You could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is.
- encourage them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.
- learning our school prayers and traditional prayers together.
- praying together at bedtime.
- Visit the CAFOD website.



## Year 1 – God's Great Plan

***"As the first action of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creation is the first step towards the covenant relationship God seeks with every human being"***

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The children will learn about the beauty of God's world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation e.g. the seasons. They will also hear about the story of Creation from Genesis and talk about its meaning. They will be reflecting on the knowledge that God made us because he loves us and develop their understanding that we show God we love him by looking after the world and each other. They will learn that we can spoil God's creation and that we have a responsibility to look after it, as well as hearing an appropriate part of the story of Noah and the Flood and its message of salvation and hope.

#### **At home**

You could help your children by:

- talking about how we can look after the world, e.g. recycling, not dropping litter, conserving energy and how we can care for plants and animals
- look at the trees during the autumn season and talk about the different colours. You could collect leaves to make a collage or painting.
- Visit the CAFOD website.

## Year 2 – The Chosen People

***"In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram ... and makes him Abraham, that is, 'the father of a multitude of nations.' ... God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt ... he gave them his law so that they would recognise him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Saviour."***



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The children will learn that we are chosen by God and learn that God chose certain people to lead and guide his people. They will learn that God called Abraham and that God chose Moses to be a great leader. They will also learn about how Samuel responded to God's call and find out about the story of Daniel in the lions' den. They will have an opportunity to reflect on Abraham's trust in God and learn that we should always trust God. They will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect upon God's call.

#### **At home**

You can help your children by:

- Share "Chosen People" stories at home.
  - Visit the CAFOD website.
- Praying together at bedtime.