



## St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

### RE Newsletter for Parents - Advent Term 2024

This year pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will follow the new RE curriculum as directed by Northampton Diocese. Pupils in Years 2-5 will continue to follow the *Come and See* programmes of study.

#### **Domestic Church - Family**

In this topic pupils will explore the importance of the home and family in their lives. They will learn about the Family as the Domestic Church and recognise the loving presence of God in every home.

- Y2 - Beginnings** - God is present in every beginning.
- Y3 - Homes** - God's vision for every family.
- Y4 - People** - The family of God in Scripture.
- Y5 - Ourselves** - Created in the image and likeness of God.

#### **At home**

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it -  
"We show God's Love to one another"

#### **Baptism and Confirmation - Belonging**

In this topic pupils will about the signs and symbols connected with Baptism and, in Key Stage Two, Confirmation as well.

- Y2 - Signs and Symbols-** Signs and symbols in Baptism.
- Y3 - Promises** - promises made at Baptism.
- Y4 - Called** - Confirmation: a call to witness.
- Y5 - Life Choices** - Marriage, commitment and service.

#### **At home**

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

#### **Judaism**

Pupils in Years 2-5 will study various aspects of Judaism during the week beginning 11 November.

#### **Advent/Christmas - Loving**

In this topic pupils will find out about the season of Advent and explore this season of preparation and waiting.

- Y2 - Preparations** - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas.
- Y3 - Visitors** - waiting for the coming of Jesus.
- Y4 - Gift** - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus.
- Y5 - Hope** - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the Promised one.

#### **At home**

Discuss with the children how your family welcome visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse Tree.

## New RE Curriculum - To Know You More Clearly

During each branch (a half term unit of work) pupils will explore a different piece of scripture each week. Pupils will explore the scripture through four different knowledge lenses; hear, believe, live and celebrate.

Advent 1 3 September - 18 October	Advent 2 4 November - end of term
<p style="text-align: center; color: green;"><b>Creation and Covenant</b></p> <p><b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> To know that God made each of us as a unique person and that he made a wonderful world. To know that God loves us and we are part of a family.</p> <p><b>Year One</b> To explore the Creation story in Genesis and to know that all that is comes from God. To know that God wants us to love and care for the world because the world is God's gift to us.</p> <p><b>Year Six</b> To explore the second account of Creation and to understand that the world was in disarray because humans chose to do evil again and again. To know that Baptism is the first sacrament of the forgiveness of sins.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: purple;"><b>Prophecy and Promise</b></p> <p><b>Nursery and Reception</b> To know that Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his son, Jesus. To know that Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas</p> <p><b>Year One</b> To know that because God loves us, he gave us his only son, Jesus. To know that angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God.</p> <p><b>Year Six</b> To explore the Old Testament passages that show the importance of women in salvation history To know that Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises and became the 'Mother of God' by her yes to God's plan.</p>

**Important dates for the Church  
this term:**

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints  
Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - St Martin de Porres (school feast day)  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day  
Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - Christ the King  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - First Sunday of Advent  
Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Immaculate Conception  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day  
Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - St Stephen's day  
Dec 29<sup>th</sup> - Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - Feast of the Holy Family

During the month of October, we remember Our Lady and ask her to pray with us.



Try to say a decade of the rosary together as a family.