



St Martin de Porres Primary School

RE Newsletter for Parents Advent Term 2022

We will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

Domestic Church - Family

In the first topic, the children 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

- YR - **Myself** - God knows and loves each one.
- Y1 - **Families** - God's love and care for every family.
- 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.
- Y6 - **Loving** - God never stops loving.

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"
Include those who have died.

Baptism and Confirmation - Belonging

In the next topic children are learning about the signs and symbols connected with Baptism and, in Key Stage 2, Confirmation as well.

The symbols used for Baptism are water, oil, candles, a white garment, prayers and promises.

The symbols used in Confirmation are oil of chrism, prayers and promises.

- YR - **Welcome** - Baptism: a welcome to God's family.
- Y1 - **Belonging** - Baptism: and invitation to belong to God's family.
- 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.
- Y6 - **Vocation and Commitment** - The vocation of priesthood and Religious life.

At home

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



Judaism

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism during this week.

Advent/Christmas - Loving

- YR - **Birthday** - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday.
- Y1 - **Waiting** - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas.
- 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.
- Y6 - **Expectations** - Jesus born to show God the world.



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. Use the Mission or CAFOD website to find a religious Advent calendar.

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

Nov 1st All Saints
Nov 2nd All Souls
Nov 3rd St Martin de Porres (school feast day)
Nov 20th Christ the King
Nov 27th Advent begins
Dec 8th Immaculate Conception
Dec 25th Christmas Day
Dec 26th St Stephen's day
Dec 29th Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury
Dec 30th 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.

We look forward to welcoming back parents for reflection mornings during the term, more details on this will follow soon.