



Religious Education overview: EYFS and KS1 – 2024.2025. Autumn term 2

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise			
<p>Ways of Knowing: What will I see and hear to help me understand? (See) How will I discover more? (Judge) What can I do now? (Act)</p> <p><i>The children will hear/believe/celebrate/live:</i></p> <p>Hear Mary was going to have a baby. His name will be Jesus (Lk 1:26-31, 38).</p> <p>Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Lk 2:4-7).</p> <p>Shepherds hurried to see Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus (Lk 2:8-20).</p> <p>Believe Mary had a baby called Jesus.</p> <p>Celebrate Advent wreath. The tradition of the crib. Nativity celebration.</p>	<p>Ways of Knowing: What will I see and hear to help me understand? (See) How will I discover more? (Judge) What can I do now? (Act)</p> <p><i>The children will hear/believe/celebrate/live:</i></p> <p>Hear The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-31, 38).</p> <p>The Nativity (Lk 2: 4-7).</p> <p>The Shepherds visit the manger (Lk 2:8-20).</p> <p>Believe Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his Son. Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Shepherds were told by angels to visit him.</p> <p>Celebrate The tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth.</p>	<p>Ways of Knowing: What will I see and hear to help me understand? (See)</p> <p>Recognise that, for Christians, the Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his Son.</p> <p>Be introduced to the Bible as a special book and encounter the stories and accounts of how people came to know God and the Good News of Jesus in the gospels.</p> <p>Sequence the accounts from the Annunciation through to the visit of the shepherds</p> <p>Know that in the Annunciation God called Mary and she said 'Yes' to his call and why this makes Mary important for Christians.</p> <p>Match the first words of the Hail Mary with the words of the Angel Gabriel.</p>	<p>Ways of Knowing: What will I see and hear to help me understand? (See)</p> <p>Retell, with increasing detail, one of the religious accounts from the Annunciation and the birth of John the Baptist and of the Annunciation and the birth of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke.</p> <p>Know that a prophet or prophetess communicates God's message, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that Isaiah and John the Baptist are prophets.</p> <p>Identify Zechariah's special message about John's future (Lk 1:76).</p> <p>Recognise that the Church teaches that the person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus long before he was born.</p> <p>Recognise that the Church teaches that Mary is the mother of God who prays for them and with them</p>



<p>Live Celebrate Advent, it is a time to get ready for Christmas. God sent Jesus to love us all</p> <p>Ways of Knowing: What will I see and hear to help me understand? (See) How will I discover more? (Judge) What can I do now? (Act)</p>	<p>Live Various cultures celebrate Jesus' birthday in different ways. CST By our work in Advent, we help others and ourselves and we show our love to God. CST All people work in some way. Everyone should be able to work safely so that it helps them because God loves them. The Dignity and Rights of Workers</p>	<p>Recognise that angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God.</p> <p>Ways of Knowing: How will I discover more? (Judge)</p> <p>Talking about why the shepherds saw angels when Jesus was born.</p> <p>Thinking about why the words of the angels are in the 'Hail Mary' and the beginning of the 'Gloria'.</p> <p>Exploring artistic representations of the nativity story from around the world.</p> <p>Ways of Knowing: What can I do now? (Act)</p> <p>Hearing and beginning to join in with the words of the Hail Mary.</p> <p>Singing or saying the first words of the Gloria.</p> <p>Talking about how Christians in their local community celebrate the birth of Jesus.</p>	<p>Describe some ways that Christians prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas during the season of Advent for example, correctly using religious words and phrases to recognise the meaning given to the Advent wreath and how these might help Christians prepare for Christmas.</p> <p>Ways of Knowing: How will I discover more? (Judge)</p> <p>Talking about Isaiah's picture language about light and darkness (Is 9:1-2) and making simple links with Jesus.</p> <p>Saying what they wonder about the Holy Spirit and how baby John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, and Zechariah felt.</p> <p>Talking about how other cultures and communities prepare in Advent, for example, through art, dance, music, or celebrations such as Las Posadas.</p>
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Prior Learning			
	<p>Approximately half of the children in our new Reception class attended our Nursery last year, so will be familiar with preparations during Advent, including the singing of songs as part of their Nursery Nativity. Children will also be familiar with Mary having a baby called Jesus.</p>	<p>Children have heard the Nativity story in Reception. In Year 1, children will learn that not only did Mary have a special baby called Jesus, but that she said 'Yes' to God when the Angel Gabriel announced that she was going to be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The children will also look at the Hail Mary in more depth (the children were familiar with the prayer in Reception and prayed the Rosary).</p>	<p>As part of the old Religious Education Curriculum Directory and The Way, The Truth and The Life programme of study, the children learnt about how Mary said 'Yes' to God when the Angel Gabriel announced that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The children heard how Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, to share her good news.</p> <p>The children did not focus on Zechariah and the belief that his and Elizabeth's son, John (the Baptist) would be a prophet – so this will be new learning.</p>



Key vocabulary

Angels Advent Advent wreath Bethlehem Crib Joseph Mary Shepherds	Angels Advent Advent wreath A stable in Bethlehem Crib Joseph Mary Shepherds <i>Catholic Social Teaching</i>	angels Annunciation Bible Gloria Hail Mary Jesus Visitation	Advent Advent wreath Annunciation Isaiah John the Baptist Magnificat prophet Zechariah
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Catholic Social Teaching Focus: Preferential Option for the Poor

Advent Spirituality Day – Friday 29th November