

St Mary's RE Curriculum

Reception

The EYFS framework is structured very differently to learning within Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas.

The most relevant early years outcomes for Religious Education are taken from the following areas of learning:

- Personal, social and Emotional Development
- Understanding the World

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p><u>Creation</u> <i>'How can we find out about God's Creation and give Him thanks?'</i> God as creator of all and our response to the world he created. Ways of talking to God through prayer. The Sign of the Cross.</p> <p><u>Prayers, saints and Feasts</u> <i>'How do others show they love and care for us, how can we show we care about them?'</i> How the family help us get to know God through prayer. The role of Mary in the life of Jesus.</p> <p><u>Advent</u> <i>'How should we get ready for Christmas?'</i> Advent as a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus.</p>	<p><u>Christmas</u> <i>'What happened in the first Christmas?'</i> The story of the first Christmas.</p> <p><u>Revelation</u> <i>'How can we be like Jesus and be a shepherd to others?'</i> How God is shown in our lives and through the work of others, including the priest.</p> <p><u>Lent</u> <i>'How can we help others in Lent?'</i> Lent as a time when we get ready for Easter and, through the example and teaching of Jesus, different ways of getting ready.</p> <p><u>Holy week</u> <i>'What happened during Holy Week?'</i> The events which led up to Easter.</p>	<p><u>Easter</u> <i>'Why is Easter a time for hope and joy?'</i> The joy of the Easter season reflecting on the emotions of those discovering the empty tomb.</p> <p><u>Pentecost</u> <i>'What should the friends of Jesus do?'</i> The events of the upper room and what a friend of Jesus does.</p> <p><u>Sacraments</u> <i>'How is God with us as we grow?'</i> The idea of God's presence at all times in our lives. The language of sacraments.</p>

Infants (Year 1 and 2)

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
CYCLE 1	<p><u>Creation</u> <i>'How do people and stories in the Old Testament inspire us to look after God's creation?'</i> God as creator and how He works through His people to protect His creation. Why the Old Testament is proclaimed as the Word of God.</p> <p><u>Prayer, saints and feasts</u> <i>'How can the examples of Mary and the saints show us how to respond to the call of Jesus?'</i> The knowledge of the life of Mary and Jesus through prayer (the Rosary) and Scripture. The lives of some saints who responded to the call of Jesus.</p> <p><u>Advent</u> <i>'How can we help 'prepare a way for the Lord?'</i> The symbolism to help us get ready to meet Jesus The main themes/messages linked to Advent</p>	<p><u>Christmas</u> <i>'Which are the key journeys in the Christmas story?'</i> How we can get to know Jesus through the journeys of others. The journey of the Magi and the Flight to Egypt.</p> <p><u>Revelation</u> <i>'How do the example and teachings of Jesus show what we should do as one of his followers?'</i> Stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is – in particular - the miracle stories.</p> <p><u>Lent</u> <i>'Why is Lent a time for repentance and forgiveness?'</i> Lent as being preparation for Easter, commencing with Ash Wednesday and being a time of seeking forgiveness and doing penance. The Our Father.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> <i>'What messages from Holy Week can guide us today?'</i> The arrest and crucifixion of Jesus and Holy Week events through the eyes of Mary.</p>	<p><u>Easter</u> <i>'How can we share and use what we learn about Easter to help others?'</i> The account of the empty tomb. Thomas and the different responses to the Resurrection of Jesus.</p> <p><u>Pentecost</u> <i>'What promise did Jesus keep at Pentecost?'</i> The nature of the promise made by Jesus to send his Spirit. Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. The link between Pentecost and Confirmation.</p> <p><u>Sacraments</u> <i>'How do promises and symbols help us to better understand the Sacraments?'</i> What a sacrament is. What happens during the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and the Eucharist.</p>
CYCLE 2	<p><u>Creation</u> <i>'What happened when God created the world? How can we praise him?'</i> The account of creation in the Bible. How to praise God for His many gifts That psalms are prayers of praise.</p> <p><u>Prayer, saints and feasts</u> <i>'How can prayer and the saints help us to get to know God better?'</i> The purpose of prayer. The liturgical calendar. How saints help us to get to know God.</p> <p><u>Advent</u> <i>'How will our journey through Advent help us get ready for Jesus?'</i> Getting ready for the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph and helps to identify their response to God.</p>	<p><u>Christmas</u> <i>'How was the birth of Jesus different from our own births?'</i> How the birth of Jesus changed others. The story of the Wise Men and the reasons they brought gifts.</p> <p><u>Revelation</u> <i>'How does Jesus teach us?'</i> Reveals how God shows himself to us in Jesus. The signs Jesus gave us to show that God's kingdom was in him. Jesus as a teacher and a healer.</p> <p><u>Lent</u> <i>'How can we use Lent to get to know God and Jesus better?'</i> The basic meaning of Lent and links to the life and teachings of Jesus. How we can get ready for Easter by changing.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> <i>'What can I find out about what happened to Jesus during Holy Week?'</i> The importance of the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross as a prayer.</p>	<p><u>Easter</u> <i>'How can we share and use what we learn about Easter to help others?'</i> Developing The account of the empty tomb. Thomas and the different responses to the Resurrection of Jesus.</p> <p><u>Pentecost</u> <i>'Why did the Holy Spirit come at Pentecost?'</i> The events of Pentecost, its meaning and how it changed the lives of the followers.</p> <p><u>Sacraments</u> <i>'How can we follow Jesus' example and make people feel better?'</i> Forgiveness and healing. Establishes the relationship of the actions of healing and forgiveness with Jesus.</p>

Lower Juniors (Years 3 and 4)

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
CYCLE 1	<p><u>Creation</u> <i>'What does it mean that we are all made in the image and likeness of God?'</i> Being made in the image and likeness of God, as seen through the story of Genesis How we are called to respect all similarities and differences. How we are called to eradicate injustice through the work of CAFOD.</p> <p><u>Prayer, saints and feasts</u> <i>'How should we pray?'</i> The prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith and how he taught his followers to pray. The importance of prayers to Mary in the life of the Church and the history of the Rosary</p> <p><u>Advent</u> <i>'How does the Old Testament help us in understanding Advent?'</i> The First Coming of Jesus is placed in historical context though the lives of his ancestors (House of David). The nature of the Messiah</p>	<p><u>Christmas</u> <i>Who are God's messengers?</i> The role of angels in the story of Christmas as messengers of Jesus' Good News. The feasts associated with Christmas, such as the Annunciation and the birth of John the Baptist.</p> <p><u>Revelation</u> <i>'What does it mean to be the 'Light of the World?'</i> How the apostles and Anna and Simeon saw the glory of Jesus as the only Son of the Father. The revelation of Jesus as Light of the World.</p> <p><u>Lent</u> <i>'How can we use Lent to make more space in our lives for God?'</i> Jesus' time in the wilderness. How prayer, fasting, almsgiving and living out the Beatitudes help us prepare for Easter.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> <i>'Why did the crowd turn against Jesus?'</i> The reasons for the death of Jesus - his Passion and death.</p>	<p><u>Easter</u> <i>'Where does the Easter journey take us?'</i> The risen Jesus, shown through the Ascension and other stories.</p> <p><u>Pentecost</u> <i>How do Christians give witness to the Good News?'</i> The events of Pentecost and how the gift of languages is expressed. The qualities of a follower of Jesus as expressed in Colossians</p> <p><u>Sacraments</u> <i>'How am I called to serve?'</i> The nature of vocation and its symbolism Old Testament stories which show how God calls people in faith and the symbolism of anointing.</p>
CYCLE 2	<p><u>Creation</u> <i>'How are we called to a New Life?'</i> How we are called to be part of God's creation through baptism. How Jesus calls us and called his disciples.</p> <p><u>Prayer, saints and feasts</u> <i>'How can we seek and help bring about peace and forgiveness?'</i> Peace and forgiveness, expressed both by Jesus and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation The life of St Francis of Assisi and his prayer for peace.</p> <p><u>Advent</u> <i>'Why is Mary an important guide for us during Advent?'</i> Advent as a time when we prepare for Christmas and recognise Jesus in the world The story of the Annunciation.</p>	<p><u>Christmas</u> <i>What part do the shepherds play in the Christmas story?'</i> reflect on the nature of Jesus' Birth Through the Shepherds.</p> <p><u>Revelation</u> <i>'Does God still call people today and how do they respond?'</i> The Liturgy of the Word as revealing God</p> <p><u>Lent</u> <i>Why is Lent a special time to show compassion?'</i> How Jesus changed the people he met and deepened his relationship with the Father through prayer.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> <i>'How do the events of the Last Supper still guide us today?'</i> The Last Supper placed in with events of Holy Week. The Last Supper and its connection with the Mass</p>	<p><u>Easter</u> <i>'Why is it good to find the time to share a meal?'</i> A focus on the appearance of Jesus to his disciples. Symbolism of the Easter season, including the liturgical colours.</p> <p><u>Pentecost</u> <i>How are you transformed by the Holy Spirit?'</i> The effect of the Spirit and the role of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic Prayer.</p> <p><u>Sacraments</u> <i>'How does Jesus feed his followers?'</i> The Sacrament of the Eucharist. What happens during Mass and the meaning behind what happens.</p>

Upper Juniors (years 5 and 6)

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CYCLE 1	<p><u>Creation</u> <i>'Is it easy being one of the 'People of God'?'</i> The call to be the 'People of God' and the need to be part of God's creation by overcoming disharmony, by upholding God's law. The ten commandments.</p> <p><u>Prayer, saints and feasts</u> <i>'How do the examples of Mary and the Saints inspire us?'</i> The concept of Heaven and the Church's belief in Mary and the feasts celebrated in her honour. What heaven is like. The lives of the Saints and the practice of praying for the dead.</p> <p><u>Advent</u> <i>'How should we use Advent to be prepared, ready and alert?'</i> The two parts of the season of Advent through parables, prayers and hymns of the Church.</p>	<p><u>Christmas</u> <i>'What more can we learn from the Bible accounts of Christmas?'</i> The Birth of Jesus, expressed as 'The Word' in St John's Gospel. The meaning of 'Incarnation'</p> <p><u>Revelation</u> <i>'How do the examples of Jesus' followers guide us today?'</i> The personal relationship St Paul enjoyed with God Matthew 28 and what is meant by 'Apostolic Tradition'.</p> <p><u>Lent</u> <i>'How can we use Lent to change ourselves for the better?'</i> Preparing for Easter and the teachings of Jesus in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and the account of the Samaritan woman at the well.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> <i>'What would we have done if we were in the Garden of Gethsemane?'</i> What happened in the Garden of Gethsemane and the denial of Peter</p>	<p><u>Easter</u> <i>'Why is the Resurrection such an important event for Christians?'</i> The Easter story through the eyes of Thomas and the sources of doubt. The belief in eternal life through the life of the Church today (funerals).</p> <p><u>Pentecost</u> <i>'Where can we see the Holy Spirit at work?'</i> The importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as expressed through Confirmation and their effect on the life of the Church. The account of the coming of the Holy Spirit in John's Gospel.</p> <p><u>Sacraments</u> <i>'How do the sacraments support and guide us on our Christian Journey?'</i> The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as revelation of the Holy Spirit Our role in the Church.</p>
CYCLE 2	<p><u>Creation</u> <i>'How should we live as one of the People of God?'</i> How we become creators, which involves the two creation stories in Genesis. What it means to be the People of God, as expressed by St Paul and as expressed in the Beatitudes.</p> <p><u>Prayer, saints and feasts</u> <i>'How do the Saints guide us in carrying on the work of Jesus today?'</i> The work of Jesus is continued through us as illustrated in the prayer of St Teresa of Avila. The concept of pilgrimage as a journey of prayer.</p> <p><u>Advent</u> <i>'How does John the Baptist help us to prepare during Advent?'</i> Connects the coming of Jesus with the promise revealed in the Old Testament. The titles that were given to the expected Messiah in the Old Testament.</p>	<p><u>Christmas</u> <i>'How can the circumstances of Jesus' birth inspire our actions today?'</i> The difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph as revealed in Mathew's Gospel, including the role of King Herod. The implications of the Christmas story for us today.</p> <p><u>Revelation</u> <i>'How does getting to know Jesus help us know God better?'</i> Study of certain parables looks at our understanding of the Kingdom of God and how the divine revelation is communicated, particularly in baptism.</p> <p><u>Lent</u> <i>'Why is change a key theme for Lent?'</i> How preparation for Easter involves becoming more like Jesus through St Paul's teaching.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> <i>'How does the story of Jesus driving the traders from the temple help us understand the tensions around Jesus?'</i> A focus on Jesus driving the traders from the temple</p>	<p><u>Easter</u> <i>'How can the Easter Triduum guide and inspire us?'</i> The Church's belief in eternal life, as shown in the Easter story. The story of Lazarus.</p> <p><u>Pentecost</u> <i>'In what ways does the Holy Spirit transform lives?'</i> The words of Peter after Pentecost. The Church's belief in the Holy Spirit within the Trinity. The role of the apostles proclaiming the Good News.</p> <p><u>Sacraments</u> <i>'Why are Holy Orders and Matrimony sacraments of service/vocation?'</i> The commitment expressed in the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony.</p>