

RE Curriculum Newsletter

Branch 2 – Prophecy and Promise

Year 1/2



Within our mixed Year1/2 classes, learning activities and outcomes are adapted according to their academic year group whilst exploring the themes detailed below.

Hear

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will hear the following key texts:

- The Annunciation of John the Baptist (Lk 1:5-20)
- The Annunciation of Jesus (Lk 1:26-38)
- The Visitation (Lk 1:39-50, 53)
- The birth of John the Baptist (Lk 1:57-58)
- Zechariah's voice is restored (Lk 1:59-66, 67,76)
- The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-8)

Including, for the season of Advent:

- Is 7:14, 9:1-2, 5-7 (Extracts from the book of Immanuel)



Believe

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches that:

- That prophets and prophetesses communicate God's message inspired by the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist is born to be a prophet.
- Christians believe that the person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus. In Isaiah's words, Christians recognise Jesus as a light in the darkness and Immanuel, 'God-with-us'.
- Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.
- That Mary is the mother of God and our mother who is trusted with all our prayers.



Celebrate

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- Some words of Mary's prayer, the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-50, 53) in which she gives thanks to God and prays for his just world to come.
- Advent is a time Christian preparation for Jesus' coming.
- That the Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of the light.
- How the Christmas story is celebrated in song: carol services.



Live

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- About some daily/weekly commitments that enable Christians to live in a way that prepares them for Jesus' coming.
- Advent preparations in different cultures.
- The meaning and interpretations of the candles/wreath in different cultural contexts.
- How Catholic Social Teaching (CST) can help to guide Christians to 'share the light' with others.

