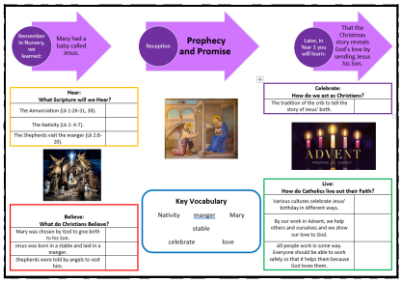
R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Revised scheme of work

This term your child(ren) will be studying Prophecy & Promise in Religious Education:

EYFS



In EYFS, children will share different versions of the Annunciation story to explore the idea that God chose Mary because of her **Grace** and **goodness.** They will understand that God **invited** her to be the mother of Jesus and she said **'Yes'** to what God asked of her- so much that she didn't worry – she knew He would look after her.

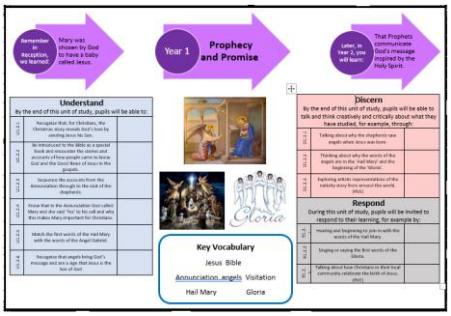
Children will think about their own special invitation from God – to know and love His son Jesus – beginning with hearing all about the story of His birth.

They will also consider the role of the shepherds in telling others about Jesus and explore the signs and symbols of advent.

Scripture to read at home:

- Luke 2: 4 – 7
- Luke 2: 8 – 20

YEAR ONE



In this unit, children will focus on the importance of Mary. They will build an understanding that, because she was so loving and good, God called Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. God sent the Angel Gabriel to bring this message to Mary and that Mary said 'Yes' to God's call. We know this because the stories about Jesus are in a special book called the Bible.

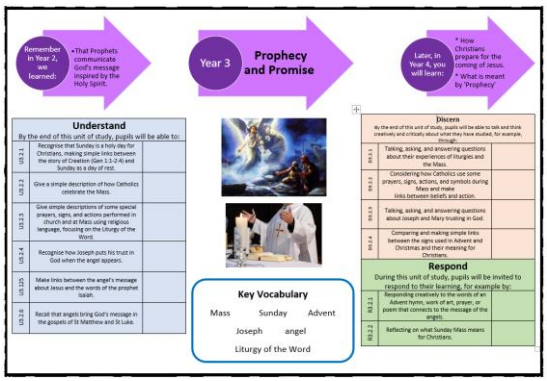
Children will recognise that the Bible is a very great gift to us all from God and when we read it, we can hear the words of God speaking to us today. It was written by many different people but each of them was filled with God the Holy Spirit when they wrote their part so it is a very special treasure.

They will learn about how Mary is honoured around the world today and about how Christians celebrate Christmas.

Scripture to read at home:

- Luke 1: 26 – 38
- Luke 2: 1 – 20

YEAR THREE



In Year 3, children will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the objects found in a church and explore the reasons why Catholics go to mass. They will understand that Catholics only pray to God but that they use symbols and statues to remind them about other important people.

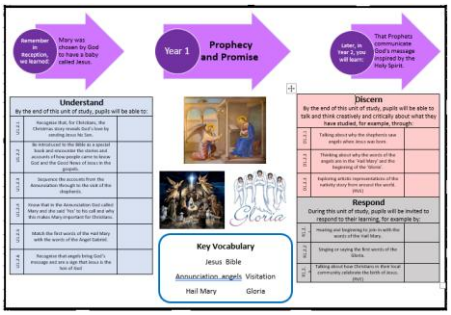
They will consider the structure of a mass and explore some of the key parts such as the liturgy of the words and the symbols and actions seen during mass.

As we prepare for Christmas, they will understand that Advent marks the start of the liturgical year as they explore the symbols and actions which help Catholics to live out this special season.

Scripture to read at home:

- Luke 1: 26 – 38

YEAR TWO



In this unit, Year 2 will learn about that a prophet is someone who communicates God's message. They will recognise Isaiah and John the Baptists as prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus.

Children will read and retell the stories of the Annunciation of Jesus and the Annunciation of John the Baptist and consider the differing responses of Zechariahs and Mary.

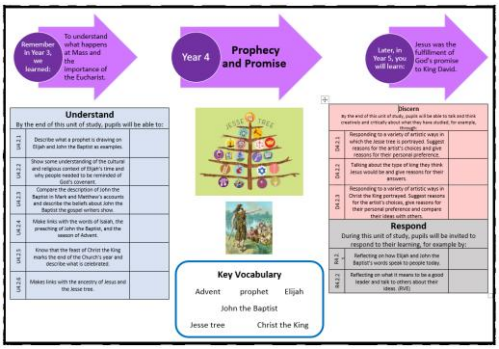
They will develop their knowledge of the life and importance of Mary by exploring the Visitation story and recognise that Mary was blessed by God, she is the Mother of God and she prays for us and with us.

Finally, children will revisit the story of Jesus' birth and recognise that this was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah.

Scripture to read at home:

- Luke 1: 26 – 38
- Luke 1: 5 – 20

YEAR FOUR



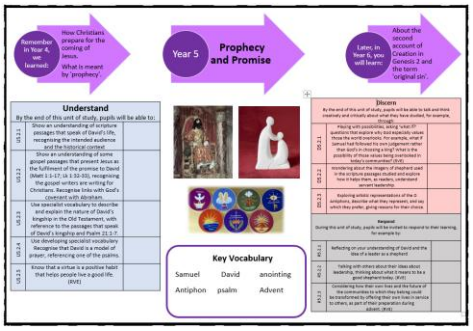
The theme of our study in Year 4 is people transformed by faith. In this unit, children will learn about Old Testament figures. This unit begins by looking at the prophet Elijah using stories from the book of Kings. Elijah is remembered and significant because he had a clear message; he believed that God was not simply a God of the past, but a God who was present with his people. Because God is with his people, God is concerned and involved in what we do and how we live both as a nation and an individual.

In addition, children will also learn about the teachings of John the Baptist and will consider the celebration of the feast day of Christ the King in showing us how Jesus came to be a new type of leader.

Scripture to read at home:

- 1 Kings 19:4-8; 9-15
- 1 Kings 17:7-14
- Mark 1:1-8
- Matthew 3:1-12
- Luke 3:1-14

YEAR FIVE



In Branch 2, Year 5 children will learn about the life and leadership of King David. Through an exploration of the Book of Samuel and the audience for which it was written, children will build a picture of the life of King David. They will learn about his simple beginnings as a young shepherd and why, because of his trust in God, he was blessed and chosen to be the new king.

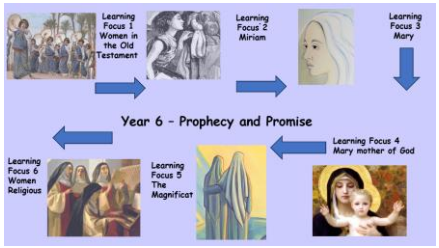
Links will also be drawn between the promise made to David and Jesus – a descendant of David – as the fulfilment of this promise. Children should be able to identify parallels between the humble beginnings of David and Jesus' birth.

Finally, children will recognise David as a model of prayer through reflecting upon the meaning behind the psalms David prayed and how these are still used by Christians today.

Scripture to read at home:

- 1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13
- 2 Samuel 7: 8 – 15
- Psalm 23

YEAR SIX



In Branch 2, Year 6 children will learn about the very important role women play in the Old Testament. They will recognise that – due to their trust and faith – God used them to lead His people back to salvation.

Building on this, they will explore key women from scripture – such as Miriam – and will be able to explain what Pope John Paul II meant when he called them 'true protagonists of salvation history'.

Moving to the Gospel of Luke, children will draw links to explain how Mary fulfils the words, actions and promises of the women of the Old Testament.

Finally, children will explore the different names given to Mary, identify the significance of the Magnificat as Mary's prayer of praise and will reflect on how Mary continues to inspire people today.

Scripture to read at home:

- The Annunciation Luke 1: 26-38 and Luke 1: 39-56
- Miriam Exodus 1:8-22; 2:1-10
- The Magnificat

EVENTS AND SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 10th November - Clifton Cathedral Commissioning of Chaplaincy teams
Thursday 12th November – Year 5 Parish Mass
Thursday 19th November – Year 6 Parish Mass

Wednesday 2nd December – Reconciliation Liturgy
Wednesday 9th December – EYFS Nativity
Friday 11th December – UKS2 Carol Service
Monday 14th December- KS1 Carol Service
Tuesday 15th December – LKS2 Carol Service
16th – 17th December – Hour of Prayer
17th December – Hour of Prayer Family session at 2:50pm
Friday 18th December – Whole School Advent Mass 9am