

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p>Creation: During this unit the children will learn to develop appreciation of themselves and the world around them as part of God's creation. They will spend time reflecting and thanking God for his many gifts.</p> <p>Prayer: Children will develop their understanding of prayer. They will identify places and vocabulary associated with prayer as well as exploring ways in which we give praise to God.</p> <p>Families and Celebrations: Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of what it means to belong and celebrate family. We will focus on the stories that celebrate the life of the Church and Jesus.</p> <p>Advent: Throughout Advent, the children will learn that this is a time for waiting and preparing for the celebration of both, the birth of Jesus and his coming again.</p>	<p>Christmas: We will develop an understanding of the importance of Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus and how it impacted on others.</p> <p>Jesus: Teacher and Healer: Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of Jesus and his ministry as a teacher and a healer. They will know some parables that Jesus told and will be able to explain what he is teaching us through them. They will know that Jesus performed miracles and healed people.</p> <p>Forgiveness: Children will learn the importance of forgiveness as a gift we receive and as a way we can show love to others. We will explore the choices that children make and how consequences arise, good or bad. They will understand the need to say sorry and identify ways to show sorrow and forgiveness.</p> <p>Lent: This unit will develop children's understanding of Lent being a time for change and of growing to be more like Jesus by following his example. We will explore various aspects of Jesus' message and ways in which Christians can apply these to real life situations.</p> <p>Holy Week: During this unit children will develop an understanding of the important events of Holy Week and how they tell of the last days of Jesus' life on earth. We will focus on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross.</p>	<p>Easter: In this unit children will develop their understanding of Easter and the significance of the resurrection of Jesus. They will know and be able to retell the story of the women finding the empty tomb. The children will understand some of the symbols on the Easter candle and will make some of these.</p> <p>Pentecost: Through this unit the children will understand that the Holy Spirit is God and that Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit when he returned to heaven. They will be able to retell the story of Pentecost and be able to describe the changes within the disciples. They will begin to be able to describe the symbols associated with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Sharing Jesus' Life: To deepen their understanding, in this unit the children will learn about the ways in which, as Christians, we are called to share the life of Jesus. They will retell stories, showing how the disciples shared the life and work of Jesus, allowing them to develop an understanding of the characteristics of a disciple.</p> <p>Following Jesus Today: During this unit children will develop an understanding of how they belong to the Church through Baptism and that this means being part of God's family. They will be able to describe signs of their belongings to the Church and ways in which they, and other Church members, follow Jesus.</p>