

Autumn Term – Year 4

'The heavens are telling the glory of God' (Ps 19:1). In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

Through this year the pupils will learn about people whose lives have been transformed by faith and hope in God.

In the first branch pupils will study Abraham and consider how he changed through acting on his faith and entered into a covenantal relationship with God.

Branch 1 Creation and covenant		Branch 1 - Six week planner Each Learning Focus is expected to take 2.5 hours of curriculum time – approximately one week.
Hear	<p>Hear - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will hear the following key texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The story of Abraham, focusing on the following key texts: • The call of Abram (Gen 12:1-5) The Abrahamic covenant (Gen 15:1-6) Abraham and Sarah (Gen 18:1-15) Abraham and Isaac (Gen 22:1-18) <p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know some facts about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The historical, cultural, and religious context out of which Abraham was called. • The importance of understanding historical context to appreciate the literal sense of biblical stories. 	<p><u>Learning Focus 1 – Week 1</u></p> <p>To understand the historical context of Abraham (and Joseph) and the cultural and religious context out of which he was called</p>
Believe	<p>Believe - By the end of this unit of study, students will know that the Church teaches that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God’s covenant with Abraham is the foundation of the faith of the people of the Old and New Testaments: Judaism and Christianity • Faith is believing in God, trusting what God reveals, and following God’s loving purpose to live a good life. • Through living out virtues of faith, hope, and love (sometimes referred to as charity), Christians are drawn into a closer relationship with the Holy Trinity. • Abraham is a model of how to pray. 	<p>Catholics believe that God called Abraham</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 3 – Week 3</u></p> <p>Catholics believe that God’s covenant with Abraham is the foundation of the faith of the people of the Old and New Testaments: Judaism and Christianity</p>
Celebrate	<p>Celebrate - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age-appropriate extracts from prayers of faith in God from the Catholic tradition. (For example, Ps 40:1, the St Therese prayer, ‘May today there be peace within’, St John Henry Newman’s ‘Mission of my Life’, Bl Charles de Foucauld’s ‘Prayer of Abandonment’.) 	<p><u>Learning Focus 4 – Week 4</u></p> <p>Catholics believe Abraham is a model of how to pray</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 5 – Week 5</u></p>
Live	<p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The virtues of faith, hope, and love. • The life and work of a person who was an example of faith made active in love, e.g., the intervention of Cardinal Manning in the London dockworker’s strike. 	<p>Catholics believe that through living out the virtues (faith, hope and love) Christians are drawn into a closer relationship with God</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 6 – Week 6</u></p> <p>Catholics believe faith is believing in God and following God’s purpose to live a good life</p>