

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.

Pupils will explore aspects of the story of Elijah whose story shows the importance of faith and hope in God even in desperate times. Pupils will then make links between Elijah and John the Baptist.

| Branch 2 Prophecy and Promise | | Branch 1 - Six week planner |
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| 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 miracle of the flour and the oil (1 Kings 17:7-14) Elijah's encounter with God: the journey 1 Kings 19:4-8, The meeting: 1 Kings 19:9-15 The preaching of John the Baptist (Matt 3:1-12 and Mk 1:1-8) Isaiah 40:3 (contained within the gospel accounts) The ancestry of Jesus (Matt 1:1-17) <p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know some facts about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of understanding historical context to appreciate the literal sense of biblical stories. What is meant by 'prophecy'. | <p><i>Each Learning Focus is expected to take 2.5 hours of curriculum time – approximately one week.</i></p> <p><u>Learning Focus 1 – Week 1</u></p> <p>Catholics believe that Elijah was a prophet</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 2 – Week 2</u></p> <p>Catholics believe that John the Baptist was a prophet and sent to prepare the way for Jesus</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 3 – Week 3</u></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"> For Christians, the prophets awaken an expectation of the coming of the Messiah in people's hearts. John the Baptist is sent to prepare the way for Jesus. In the Advent liturgies, Christians pray for the second coming of Jesus alongside preparing for Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' incarnation at Christmas and for the second coming as King of the Universe. | <p>Catholics believe that the prophets awaken an expectation of the coming of the Messiah</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 4 – Week 4</u></p> <p>Catholics believe that the Feast of the King marks the end of the Church's year</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 5 – Week 5</u></p> |
| Celebrate | <p>Celebrate - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Feast of Christ the King. The Jesse tree. 'He will come again in glory' from the Nicene Creed. | <p>Catholics believe that in the Advent liturgies Christians pray for the second coming of Jesus</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 6 – Week 6</u></p> |
| Live | <p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How Christians prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent. How Christians use the Jesse tree during Advent, identifying its meaning and representation in art around the world, connecting to God's plan for salvation. How some artists have depicted Jesus Christ as King. | <p>Catholics believe that Advent is a time of preparation</p> |