**Our Lady and St Edward’s**

**Catholic Primary School**

**RE Curriculum**

**Information for Parents**

**Spring Term 1**



Dear Parents,

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus. We also celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when we remember and celebrate that Jesus is the ‘light of the world’. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a ‘light’, an inspiration to those around us. In this newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their religious education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E. McGunigall, Headteacher

**Foundation 2: ‘Getting to know Jesus’**

This half term, the children in the Foundation 2 classes will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.

**At home**

You could help your children by:

• Saying or sharing prayers together.

• Talking about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors

• Talking about how we can help others.

• Giving them jobs which help at home.

**Year 1: ‘Families and Celebrations’**

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family. They will hear how Jesus’ family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.

**At home**

You could help your children by:

• Discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives.

• Encourage children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas, Easter etc

**Year 2: ‘The Good News’**

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God’s love and that this changed people’s lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events. They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

**At home**

You could help your children by:

• Highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God.

• Reading stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. the feeding of the 5000

• Visit [www.tere.org/interactive\_site/KS1link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm) and complete activities.

**Year 3: ‘Called to change’**

The children will develop their understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. They will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus. They will learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God’s love and forgiveness and begin to learn an Act of Sorrow. They will learn that Lent is a time to change in order to prepare for Easter.

**At home**

You could help your children by:

• Thinking about how Jesus changes our lives.

• Reading the story of Zacchaeus.

• Going online to [www.tere.org/interactive\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities.

**Year 4: ‘Jesus, the Teacher’**

The children will learn that Jesus was born into a Jewish family and find out about the story of the presentation in the Temple. They will learn that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult read the Torah. They will learn that Jesus travelled about teaching people. The children will learn that Jesus came to show us the way to live, understand why

Jesus used parables to teach people and know and understand some of the parables Jesus told. The children will have a chance to appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today and recognise that Lent gives us an opportunity to live as Jesus wants us to.

**At home**

You could help your children by:

• Reading some well known parables, e.g. ‘The Sower’ and talk about what they mean for us.

• Go online to [www.tere.org/interactive\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities.

**Year 5: ‘Inspirational People’**

The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus. They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.

**At home**

You could help your children by:

•Encouraging them to research some information about inspirational people and saints.

• Visit [www.tere.org/interactive\_ site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_%20site/KS2link.htm) and complete activities.

**Year 6: ‘Exploring the Mass**

The children will learn that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They will begin to understand that in the Mass we participate in Jesus’ sacrifice to God the Father and learn what happened at the Last Supper. They will learn the different parts of the Mass and become familiar with most of the responses. The children will learn that the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass and become the body and blood of Jesus. The children will have a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and reflect on the sacrifices they can make during Lent.

**At home**

You could help your children by:

• Bringing their attention to the Eucharistic prayer during Mass.

• Asking them during the week to explain what they have been learning during their RE lessons.

• Visit [www.tere.org/interactive\_ site/KS2link.htm](www.tere.org/interactive_%20site/KS2link.htm) and complete activities.