

Guide to Religious Education at St Joseph the Worker
Catholic Primary School

Religious Education is the core subject in the curriculum and influences all that we teach and enables us to develop the whole person.

Through religious education teaching and learning, we aim to...

- Provide each child with the opportunity to develop their relationship with God.
- Promote knowledge and understanding of Catholic faith and life.
- Develop awareness and understanding of the impact of faith upon our daily lives.
- Foster attitudes of respect towards all who live in our society.

The 'Come and See' programme which we follow at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, offers the opportunity to explore, discover and respond. The programme supports the belief of Christ being at the centre of all that we do. IN each of the terms, it addresses 3 key questions to be explored through the teaching and learning in the different topics...

- Where do I come from? (Autumn term)
- Who am I? (Spring term)
- Why am I here? (Summer term)

Across the academic year, the children are involved in studying 9 themes. The themes are explored over 4 week periods. The children are given time to explore the theme, reveal the meaning of the Scripture and the Church's teachings and reflection on their own learning and experiences.

There are three different types of themes within 'Come and See', each theme is covered once a term.

Church theme

Sacramental theme

Christian Living theme

AUTUMN

The themes are developed in the light of an understanding of Creation

Domestic Church - Family

This topic focuses on life as a gift, myself as a unique and loved creation, the love and care that can be expressed in family groups.

Baptism/Confirmation - Belonging

This topic focuses on the call to belong, the creative potential that belonging develops; and Baptism and Confirmation, sacraments of the gift of God's life and friendship.

Advent/Christmas - Loving

This topic focuses on the capacity for entering into loving relationships and the perfect gift and revelation of God's love, Jesus, born of Mary, born as one of us.

SPRING

The themes are developed in the light of an understanding of Incarnation:

Local Church - Community focuses on the people of God gathered in Christ, united in the journey of faith, in care for one another, in sharing their story and celebration.

Eucharist - Relating focuses on the invitation to know Jesus, to live in communion with him and with one another.

Lent/Easter - Giving focuses on Jesus' loving and self-giving on the cross, the Father's love that raises him to new life and the challenge to Christians to follow Jesus' example of self-giving.

SUMMER

The themes are developed in the light of an understanding of Redemption and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost - Serving focuses on the on-going mission of Jesus Christ in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reconciliation - Inter-relating focuses on the love, compassion and forgiveness of God the Father revealed in Jesus and poured out by the Spirit to bring forgiveness and reconciliation in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Universal Church - The World focuses on the same love revealed in the diversity of the world and its people, and in the gifts of the Spirit that bear fruit in love, joy, justice and peace for all people.

Each theme is explored in the different year groups as a different names topic.

OTHER RELIGIONS

During the year we also explore the other faith of Judaism for one week and an additional religion for one week. The other religions are covered over a 3 year cycle as outlined below.

Academic Year	Additional Religion
2015 / 2016	Sikhism
2016 / 2017	Islam
2017 / 2018	Hinduism
2018 / 2019	Sikhism