



RE NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM

Learning and Growing Together in the Light of God's Love

RE Curriculum 2024

Our new programme of study for RE, 'To Know You More Clearly', continues to be phased in throughout our school. Year R, 1, 2, 5 and 6 are now fully using this framework. Year 3 and 4 continue to use, 'Come and See' for a final year. In 2025-2026, the new RE scheme will be fully implemented in all year groups.

Our School Prayer

Joseph our Patron,

Be with us in our school as we work and play.

Encourage us to be loving, kind and gentle.

Watch over the family of our school,
and help us to grow into a community of love.

Amen



'To Know You More Clearly'

There are six branches in 'To know You More Clearly' - one per half term.



1. Creation and Covenant
2. Prophecy and Promise
3. From Galilee to Jerusalem
4. From Desert to Garden
5. To the Ends of the Earth
6. Dialogue and Encounter

Each branch follows
the four lenses:

Hear
Believe
Celebrate
Live



Branch 1
Autumn
Creation and Covenant

Branch 2
Autumn
Prophecy and Promise

Branch 3
Spring
Prophecy and Promise

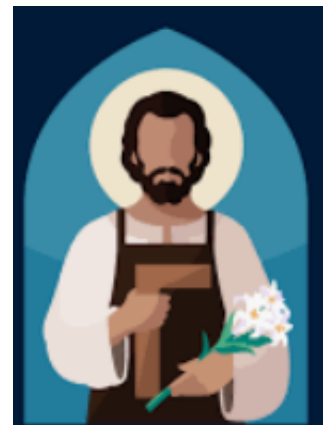
Branch 4
Spring
From Desert to Garden

Branch 5
Summer
To the Ends of the Earth

Branch 6
Summer
Dialogue and Encounter

At the end of each branch and knowledge lenses the children will:

- **Understand** - The aim is to help pupils understand deeply the meaning of sacred texts, religious beliefs, sacred rites, and the lives of individuals and communities who are shaped by these texts, beliefs and rites.
- **Discern** - The aim is to help pupils to be able to judge wisely in response to different interpretations of the meaning, significance and implications of texts, beliefs, rites, and ways of life so that they can arrive at justified conclusions about what is true, what is good and what is beautiful.
- **Respond** - The aim is to help pupils reflect personally and with integrity on what they have learnt and consider the implications for action these may have their own lives and the world in which they live.





PHSE & RSE Update

In 2020, Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory for all primary schools in England. As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all of our pupils, rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Church.

This year, we will be changing the scheme we use for RSE and PHSE to 'Life to the Full' by Ten Ten Resources. Ten Ten Resources is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work. 'Life to the Full' has been approved as the scheme of preference by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Furthermore, Ten Ten Resources have entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the RSE statutory curriculum. We are confident that this programme is a very good fit for our school.

Ten Ten Resources understand the foundational role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters. Within the programme, they have built in resources which will not only keep you informed about what is being taught in school, but will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

We would like to invite you to look at the resources and we welcome any feedback or questions.

Access the Parent Portal here:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: SJDorking

Password: TenTen

You may wish to undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.

If you have any feedback or questions then please email the school office.

We will be beginning our new RSE programme after October half-term.



Special Feast Days and Celebrations

All Saints

(1st November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

(All Souls)(2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the

Universe

(24th November)

ADVENT

(Begins 1st December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when He was born but we also think of his promise that He would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.



The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary.

(8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning showed love to God throughout her life.



Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

(25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and

Joseph

(26th December)



Catholic Social Teaching

The Principles

Catholic Social Teaching is based on the belief that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build his kingdom of peace, love and justice.

The Catholic Church has seven principles of social teaching that we share with our children at St Joseph's through all that we do.

At St Joseph's, Catholic Social Teaching is incorporated into our curriculum. Children are asked to put their faith into action and reflect on how their learning enables them to do so.

Catholic Social Teaching underpins the essence of our daily school life. As members of the Catholic Church, we are all called upon to preserve the dignity of all human beings, to care for creation, and to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need. Pope Francis emphasises that it is our duty to work together to bring about a more just and peaceful world: to put love into action. It is vital that our children can articulate the connection between Jesus' teaching and doing good deeds. We use the CAFOD Catholic Social Teaching resources and the animal mascots to support the children's understanding of principles. We have named these mascots our, 'Faithful Friends'.



If you have any examples of your child putting their faith into action and living out one of the principles, please email the office with a photo which can be shared with their class.

To see all our Catholic Social Teaching 'Faithful Friends' on a poster scan this QR code:



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A PRAYER INTENTION FOR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW VIA EMAIL.



**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY AUTUMN TERM!
GOD BLESS,**

MISS DEVLIN (RE LEAD & DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER) & MISS SCRUTTON (HEADTEACHER)
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