

CREATION



Year Reception

This unit is designed to nurture an understanding of the world around. It introduces children to God as creator of all that they see around them and the idea of giving thanks. It helps the children understand that they, their talents and gifts are God-given. It helps them understand that we have special signs to show we give God praise and that we can find out about God from the Bible.

Year One

This unit is designed to develop children's appreciation of themselves and the world around them as part of God's creation. It should help children know that our response to His creation is to give praise. They should start to know that the church is a place of prayer and praise as well.

Year Two

This unit is designed to give some insight into the stories and characters of the Old Testament. It will build on their knowledge of God as creator and start to provide an image of God wishing to protect and care for His universe. It highlights how God works through people to exercise this care and protection. The unit should also begin to highlight the importance of the Old Testament for the Church. And why we *proclaim* it as the Word of God.

Year Three

This unit is designed to give some insight into how we are called to be part of God's creation. How we are called is examined through the calling of the disciples. The main teaching of this calling is that we should respond. Through baptism we are called and our parents respond on our behalf. Baptism calls us to see the world through God's eyes and live out a new life with Him. By living out that life and responding to His call we are protecting His creation.

Year Four

This unit is designed to give more information about the story of creation. It is designed to help children explore the concept of 'image and likeness of God' and because God is in all of us we are called to respect and value our similarities and differences. In valuing and respecting those similarities and differences, we are called to be united together to eradicate injustice and give dignity to the human person. Through knowledge of the Jewish faith, the children will explore the skills of reverence and respect and reflect on how to apply these in their own lives of faith.

Year Five

This unit is designed to explore how we become co-creators. The starting point for this exploration is the two creation stories in Genesis. This then requires understanding of what it means to be the People of God as expressed by St Paul and of the teachings expressed in the Beatitudes. This will help teachers to reflect with the children on their own God-given talents and living their lives in response to the teaching of Christ.

Year Six

This unit explores what it means to be the 'People of God' through the eyes of Moses. Having been created by God, we exercise our freedom to deepen our relationship with God and overcome the barriers of jealousy and disharmony. It also highlights the need to follow God's law and by upholding the commandments, we uphold the will of God. Upholding the will of God involves personal choices and often sacrifices. The nature of this sacrifice is explored in this unit. The work of the Church in overcoming the barriers is also considered.

By exploring these concepts the children are providing meaning to the line in the Creed which states: "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church".

