



St. Peter's
Catholic Primary School

Christmas

Upper Key Stage 2, Year A, Autumn Term 2

3 weeks



We put Jesus at the heart of everything that we do.

special kind unique inventive
generous awesome gentleness
purity helpful good positive
expressive enjoyable caring
adventurous bouncy zingy
fun truth colourful superb
confident polite compassion
friendly enthusiastic marvellous
comforting nice remarkable
happy magnificent great
meaningful forgiveness
exceptional joy wonderful
interesting creative hopeful
incredible spectacular
original brilliant peace
lovely service outstanding
dynamic amazing
dignity fabulous impressive
beautiful sacrifice
glorious fantastic tolerance
exciting terrific delicious
integrity cool considerate
phenomenal laughing funny
sharing humility loving
energetic smiling captivating
justice encouraging mercy
gracious faithful important
supporting delightful thankful
hard-working tremendous



The aims of our curriculum:

- We aim to be like Jesus the teacher, where all children learn to be good, inquisitive learners, capable of making our world a better place. Like Jesus our shepherd, no child will be left behind.
- We want our children to know more and remember more
- We aim to provide our children with a broad curriculum, rich with cultural capital.
- We aim to teach what is required from the National Curriculum as a minimum.
- We aim to create a curriculum that is teachable, clear and practical where possible.
- We want all of our children to progress so that they can tell us about their own progression in learning.
- We want our children to be able to tell us why they are learning what they are learning.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

Our Curriculum Drivers:

Catholic Social Teaching

We will create bambinelli to present to for a blessing at our Christmas Mass at the end of the year. We will do this as one of the carousel activities during our Advent prayer hour.

We will raise money for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper day (08/11)

Our Resilience

We will all participate in our Christmas performance. We will be brave and stand up to perform the greatest story ever told.

Our Community

We will welcome people into our school to watch our performance in Church and we will invite someone that is not part of our school community to come and hear the good news of Jesus' birth.

Sustainability

We will consider donating last year's Christmas Jumper to school (if it doesn't fit) so that it can be bought by someone else at the Fair and be reused within our community.

During our work on the seasons, we will create artwork which depicts the features of each season. We will use only recycled materials for this display.

Diversity and inclusion

During our Advent prayer afternoon, we will learn about communities in need around the world. We will write prayers for hope for these communities so that they might find peace, joy and love this Christmas.

Christmas:

As Theologians, we will:

Develop our knowledge and understanding of the two parts of the Season of Advent. We will learn that Advent is a time to prepare for Christ to come again and a time to prepare to celebrate his birth at Christmas. Through some Parables of Jesus and some of the prayers and hymns of the Church, we will explore these themes.

All children will know that Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas and a time of preparation for Christ to come again. They will recall some teaching of Jesus about preparing and write some simple texts about the coming of Christ.

Most children will learn that there are two parts to the season of Advent. We will understand some reasons why it is important for Christians to prepare for Christ to come again. We will be able to write a modern parable and parts of a hymn about the coming of Christ into the world.

Some children will also have a greater understanding of the meaning of some Old Testament images that have been used to describe the coming of Christ into the world. They will understand that the second coming of Christ is at a time that Christians do not know and that this keeps them watchful and ready for this time.

As artists we will:

Create Christmas cards, with the theme 'Jesus is the light of the world' – 24/12 John 1:1-14

We will use the story from the Jess Tree: Jesus is the King of Gentiles (Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20) to

We will also create crowns that we can wear for our Christmas parties. We will use our drawing and colouring skills to create a Christmas themed placemat that we can use at our Christmas dinner.

As performers we will:

Retell the story of the Nativity with songs and acting. We will learn our lines, play our parts and celebrate Christmas with the best Nativity play ever!

As scientists we will:

Revise the seasons and their features, something that we studied in Key Stage 1.

We will use the globes to help us to describe how the Earth moves around the sun. We will learn about how the position of the Earth, relative to the sun, dictates the seasons on Earth. We will learn to describe the movement of the Moon, relevant to the Earth.

We will be able to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system, to describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth and to describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.

We will be able to use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.