

RE Curriculum Map – We follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham’s RE curriculum, ‘Learning and Growing as the people of God’ Each year the order of the units of work taught in each year group is reorganised based on the focus of assessment for the year.

Unit	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
A	CREATION – GOD THE CREATOR This unit’s aim is to introduce children to God as Creator of all that they see around them and the idea of giving thanks.	CREATION – GOD’S GIFTS Develops the idea of creation to include the children’s gifts and talents as God given. To know that the Bible is God’s book.	CREATION This unit is designed to develop the children’s appreciation of themselves and the world around them as part of God’s creation. It also helps the children to reflect on the need to thank and praise God for his many gifts.	OLD TESTAMENT: STORIES & PRAYERS This unit is designed to give children some insight into the stories and the characters of the Old Testament. It will also introduce them to important images of God found in the scriptures.	BELONGING – WE GATHER AS GOD’S FAMILY This unit involves the children exploring the different groups to which they belong. Through the theme of belonging they will study the Sacrament of Baptism as a Sacrament of Belonging to the Church. They will also learn how Catholics celebrate their belonging to the Family of God through the Celebration of Mass.	CREATION & THE STORY OF ABRAHAM TO JOSEPH In this unit the children will hear and learn about some important stories from the Book of Genesis. They will explore some important images of God found in these stories and consider what it mean for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God.	CREATION This unit outlines some key beliefs about the creation of human beings and the creation of the world. It introduces the children to the story of creation as a way of explaining that God is creator, rather than a re-telling of the order of the created world. It will help teachers to reflect with the children on their God given talents and living their lives in response to the teaching of Christ.	THE STORY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD In this unit children will be given opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the structure of the Bible and the forms of literature that are found in the different books. The children will be introduced to stories of significant people in the Old Testament. They will discover what some of these stories tell us about their relationship with God.
B	GOD OUR FATHER CARES FOR US This unit is designed to explore relationships in the family and in the wider community. It will introduce the children to the idea of a Christian family and community. They will hear that when we hurt people we need to say sorry.	PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR US This unit further explores family relationships within the context of caring for one another. Importance is placed upon the value of celebration. This is further developed by hearing about times of celebration Jesus shared with his family and friends	FAMILIES & CELEBRATIONS This unit is designed to develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of what it means to belong to, and celebrate as, a family. The unit will focus on the Mass, the stories of the Presentation and Finding of Jesus in the Temple and the Wedding Feast at Cana as important celebrations in the life of the Church and Jesus.	SHARING IN THE LIFE OF JESUS: MARY, THE DISCIPLES, SAINTS & US This unit is designed to extend the children’s knowledge and understanding of the life of Mary and Jesus and the call of the disciples. They will also learn about some saints who have responded to the call of Jesus. They will also be introduced to the prayer of silence as an opportunity to spend time with God.	RECONCILIATION This unit involves the children exploring human choices, the consequences of sin, Christ’s teaching on forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation	JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY In this unit the children will learn about the prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith. The children will be introduced to some prayers from the Old Testament and they will consider the importance Jesus attached to prayer. The children will study the Our Father, the prayer of the Rosary and some other forms of prayer as part of this unit.	MIRACLES & THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK In this unit children learn about some of the miracles of Jesus and the work of the Church to heal and care for the sick in Christ’s name.	FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST In this unit of work we consider the call of the disciples by Jesus. The children will learn about the demands that the call of Christ placed on these first disciples and they will think about ways in which people answer the call of Christ today through the life of the Church.
C	ADVENT – GETTING READY This unit is designed to develop an appreciation that preparations are necessary. It introduces the idea of preparation for Christmas.	ADVENT – ‘FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT’ In this unit the children mark the time of advent, giving each week a focussed preparation activity.	PRAYER This unit is designed to develop the children’s understanding of prayer as a special way of spending time with God. In the unit the children will also explore the vocabulary, actions, places and aids associated with prayer, with particular reference to the prayer of praise and intercession. The children will also explore how Christians give praise to God in the psalms and in prayers like the “Glory Be To The Father” and the “Our Father”.	ADVENT This unit is designed to develop children’s knowledge of the time, symbols and characters of the liturgical Season of Advent. It will focus on Advent being a season of preparation for Christmas through the story of John the Baptist and parish activities.	ADVENT This unit involves children looking at Bible stories of the Annunciation and Visitation. They will explain how Mary and Elizabeth prepared to welcome and recognise Jesus Christ. They will develop their understanding of Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas and reflection on Christ being in the world.	ADVENT In this unit of work the children will learn about the ancestors of Jesus and that he was descended from the House of David. Through this work the children will be able to place the story of the first coming of Jesus into an historical context.	ADVENT This unit links the Old Testament and the New Testament in terms of preparing for the coming of Christ during the Season of Advent.	ADVENT In this unit the children will be given opportunities to develop their knowledge and understand of the two parts of the Season of Advent. 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 they will explore these themes.
D	CHRISTMAS – MARY MOTHER OF JESUS This unit is designed to give children the opportunity to hear the story of Christmas and to introduce the children to the person of Mary	CHRISTMAS In this unit the children will hear the story of Christmas and will focus upon the birth in the stable and of the shepherd visitors.	ADVENT This unit is designed to develop the children’s understanding of Advent as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and his coming again. The unit also develops the children’s understanding of Advent as a joyful liturgical season and allows them to	CHRISTMAS This unit is designed to help the children reflect upon the journeys associated with the Christmas story and what these journeys eventually tell us about Jesus’ birth and the way people respond to his birth.	CHRISTMAS In this unit the story of the shepherds provides a focus for children to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and who he is.	CHRISTMAS In this unit of work the children will study the role of angels in the story of Christmas. They will learn about Christians being messengers of Christ’s Good News in the world today and how the Church celebrates the Feast of Christmas.	CHRISTMAS In this unit the children will hear about the story of Christmas from St. Matthew’s Gospel. They will explore the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph and the tensions that arose in King Herod.	CHRISTMAS In this unit of work the children will explore the story of the birth of Christ from the Gospel of St. Matthew and the Gospel of St. Luke. They will also learn about some images of Christ that are found in the Prologue to the Gospel of St. John.

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E	BAPTISM -MY NAME This unit is designed to give children an insight into the membership of God's Family through Baptism	BAPTISM In this unit the children learn about the church building being an important gathering place for God's Family. They will be introduced to some of the important symbols and actions of the Baptismal Rite.	CHRISTMAS This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus. The unit also develops the children's understanding of the importance of the birth of Jesus through the events that happened before and after, and the impact it had on the people involved	PARABLES/MIRACLES This unit is designed to develop the children's understanding of Jesus' parables and miracles. Through these they will develop a greater understanding of who Jesus is and what his ministry was.	WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD AT MASS This unit involves the children in thinking about listening and finding out about the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Through this topic they will explore the value and the importance of listening to the Word of God in the Scriptures.	JESUS: LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND BELOVED SON In this unit the children study some important stories about the life of Jesus and the revelation of his presence in the world. They will also learn about some of the symbols of Baptism and their association with belonging to the Family of God.	BAPTISM The unit explores the role of John the Baptist in the Baptism of Jesus and provides an opportunity for an in-depth study of the signs, symbols and prayers associated with the Sacrament of Baptism.	BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT In this unit the children will learn about the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. They will explore the signs and symbols of both these Sacraments and will hear about the gift of the Holy Spirit being given in the celebration of these Sacraments.
F	GOD'S FAMILY This unit builds on the idea of membership of God's Family through Baptism into a community which has a gathering place and a gathering day.	PEOPLE WHO HELP US In this unit the children will be introduced to the role of the priest as a special person in God's Family who helps people. This unit also has a focus on the church building as an important place within the parish community. The children will also learn about a saint being an important person in God's Family. In this unit they will also consider the help that Jesus gave to people when they needed it.	JESUS:TEACHER & HEALER This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the person of Jesus and his ministry as a teacher and healer. The unit will also develop their understanding of what Jesus' ministry reveals to us about God, how the Church continues that ministry today in various ways and how Christians are called to follow the example of Jesus in their lives.	SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS This unit is designed to develop children's understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the life of Christ. The children will also learn about Baptism and Marriage as special sacramental celebrations.	LENT The unit is designed to help the children appreciate that during Lent Christians resolve to change and try to become more like Christ. The children will be introduced to new Gospel stories about Jesus bringing change into the lives of people he encountered.	OLD TESTAMENT: MOSES – KING DAVID In this unit the children will study some important stories about Moses and God's relationship with the people of Israel. They will also learn about the life of King David. Through this unit children will be introduced to some images of God associated with these stories and also some important religious themes such as prayer and vocation which arise from this study.	PARABLES & SAYINGS OF JESUS In this unit children gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the Parables of Jesus. They explore the concept of the Kingdom of God from the teachings of Jesus and ways in which Christians respond to this teaching today through their belonging to the Church.	LENT In this unit of work children will be given some opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as important Lenten activities. They will examine the teaching of Jesus about these things and think about why they might be important activities for Christians today. In this unit children will also explore the Church's teaching on the forgiveness and God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
G	LENT – JESUS AND HIS FATHER This unit focuses on the relationship between Jesus and his Father and that he loved him. We need to say sorry when we fail to show love and care.	LENT In this unit of work the children are introduced to some of the Church's customs for the Season of Lent. Children will hear about Lent being a special time of prayer and a season when Christians try to follow Christ by what they do. They will also learn about Lent being a time of saying sorry and asking God's forgiveness for things that they have done wrong.	FORGIVENESS This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the importance of forgiveness as a gift we receive and as a way that we can show love to others. The unit will also explore the choices that children make, that these can be good or bad and the consequences that arise from them. The unit will also develop the children's understanding of the need to say sorry when bad choices are made.	LENT This unit is designed to develop children's knowledge and understanding of the Season of Lent and the importance of the theme of forgiveness during this time.	PRAYER This unit involves the children learning something about the prayer life of Jesus. They will examine and reflect on some of the ways in which Catholics pray and the signs and symbols associated with prayer.	LENT: LIVING AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TODAY In this unit the children will explore some of the customs and practices associated with the celebration of the Season of Lent. Through the life and teaching of Christ they will learn about prayer, fasting and almsgiving and the forgiveness that God offers to those who believe in him.	LENT This unit involves the children in thinking about the concept of 'temptation' as they study the temptations of Jesus. Children will be given the opportunity to reflect on what nurtures and damages human relationships they will study some important texts from the New Testament about Christian living and will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a Sacrament of Healing and God's forgiveness.	PRAYERS IN THE LIVES OF FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST In this unit children gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the traditional prayers of the Church and some of the signs and actions associated with prayer. They will also study some prayers that are found in the scriptures and engage in the study of the Mass as the central prayer for Catholic Christians. The unit will be concluded with a study of some customs of prayer in other religions.
H	HOLY WEEK In this unit the children hear that something sad happened to Jesus and that the cross reminds us of this.	HOLY WEEK In this unit of work the children will learn about the last few days in the life of Jesus. They will be introduced to the story of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and Good Friday	LENT This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Lent as a time of change and of growing to be more like Jesus by following his example. In the unit the children will explore various aspects of Jesus' message and ways in which Christians can apply these to real life situations.	HOLY WEEK This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the events of Holy Week.	HOLY WEEK The unit is designed to help deepen the children's knowledge of some of the events of Holy Week and to deepen their understanding of the foundation of the Church's celebration of the Mass.	HOLY WEEK This unit provides the children with an opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the story of Christ's passion and death. They will be given opportunities to reflect upon the circumstances and reasons for his death.	HOLY WEEK In this unit children will gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the last week of Jesus' life and how the Church celebrates this week through liturgy and prayer.	HOLY WEEK In this unit the children will learn about the passion of Jesus from the events that took place in the Garden of Gethsemane through to the death of Jesus on the cross. They will find out some reasons why Christians have described the death of Jesus as a sacrifice.

I	<p>EASTER In this unit children hear that Jesus came back to life again and that this was a happy time.</p>	<p>EASTER In this unit the children learn about the story of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. They will be introduced to the "Alleluia" as a special Easter song and the symbol of the Easter Candle.</p>	<p>HOLY WEEK This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the important events of Holy Week and how they tell of the last days of Jesus' life on earth. The unit focuses on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross.</p>	<p>EASTER This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the stories of Easter from the New Testament and of the symbols the Church uses to celebrate the Season.</p>	<p>EASTER This unit explores the Story of Easter through the Story of Breakfast at the Shore. It is designed to help the children realise how the Apostles became aware of the presence of the Risen Christ in these events.</p>	<p>EASTER In this unit the children will be introduced to accounts of the Resurrection appearances of Christ in the four Gospel. They will learn about the different reactions of people to the news that Christ was alive. In this unit the children will study the story of the Ascension and will learn about Christian belief in the presence of Christ in the world today.</p>	<p>EASTER In this unit the children learn about the Church's Celebration of Easter through the Easter Vigil. They will learn about the Church's belief in eternal life through the Easter Story and the Story of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.</p>	<p>EASTER In this unit the children study the story of Easter from the perspective of Thomas. The work contained in this unit will require them to think about reasons why Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection of Christ at first and why people today believe that Jesus is risen from the dead. Children will also learn about Easter and the promise of eternal life. They will be introduced to some associations with Baptism and the celebration of a Christian funeral.</p>
J	<p>PENTECOST – THE AIR AROUND US This unit introduces the Holy Spirit as the third part of the Sign of the Cross and that red is the colour associated with this Season.</p>	<p>PENTECOST In this unit the children will explore the story of Pentecost and the transformation in their lives after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>EASTER This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the season of Easter as a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. The unit focuses on the importance of the Resurrection and its message.</p>	<p>PENTECOST This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the story of Pentecost and of the activity and presence of the Holy Spirit. The unit also focuses on the way Pentecost is celebrated in the Church and Confirmation being the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>THE EUCHARIST IS A THANKSGIVING TO GOD In this topic the children are provided with opportunities to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will think about why this is such an important celebration in the life and worship of Catholic Christians.</p>	<p>PENTECOST In this unit the children will study the story of Pentecost and identify the effects that it had upon the disciples. They will learn about the missionary activity of the Apostles and some prayers of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>PENTECOST This unit is designed to give children greater insight into the Church's belief in the Holy Spirit. It will also explore the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and prayer and devotion to the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>PENTECOST In this unit the children will learn about two stories from the New Testament about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through their study of the Sacrament of Confirmation they will learn about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they are important in the lives of Christians.</p>
K	<p>Special Celebrations This unit is designed to raise the children's awareness of occasions for celebration, particularly marriage. That celebrations are happy occasions which may include prayers.</p>	<p>PRAYER In this unit the children will learn about some of the reasons why Christians pray. They will learn about some styles of prayer and be able to reflect on some of their experiences of prayer during the school year.</p>	<p>PENTECOST This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Pentecost as the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. The unit focuses on the coming of the Holy Spirit as a promised gift that brought about a change in the lives of the disciples and how we celebrate and receive that gift in our lives today.</p>	<p>OUR CHURCH This unit is designed to develop children's understanding of what it means to belong to God's Family. In the unit we focus on the role of the parish and people with special responsibilities. Children will also hear about the origins of the Church through the lives of the Apostles.</p>	<p>PENTECOST In this unit children learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit and the change it brought to the lives of the Apostles. They will think about the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments the Church celebrates.</p>	<p>SHARING IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST: THE CHURCH AS A COMMUNITY In this unit the children learn about the Universal Church established on the original teaching of the Apostles. They will reflect upon the Eucharist as the Sacrament which celebrates the Church's Unity. They will also be given opportunities to find out about religious customs from around the world.</p>	<p>THE WORK OF THE APOSTLES This unit has been designed to help the pupils understand the significant role the Apostles played in proclaiming the Good News. Pupils will reflect on the work of the Apostles as building the foundations of the Church which continues to proclaim the Good News of Christ today.</p>	<p>BELONGING TO THE CHURCH COMMUNITY In this unit of work the children will learn about the foundations of the life and teaching of the Catholic Church being rooted in the life and teaching of the Apostles. The children will learn about the role of the Pope and local Bishop in the life of the universal and local Church. They will also explore the life of the local parish community where the faith of God's People is nourished and celebrated.</p>
L	<p>Continuous Unit – throughout the year The unit will develop the children's knowledge experience of the Bible and Mary being the mother of Jesus.</p>	<p>Continuous Unit – throughout the year This unit has been designed to be used at different times of the year to enhance the work that has been done in the other units and to support children's knowledge and understanding of prayer.</p>	<p>SHARING JESUS' LIFE This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the way in which, as Christians, we are called to share in the life of Jesus. The unit focuses on Jesus choosing and calling the disciples and how they are an example to us of what it means to be a disciple or follower of Jesus and share in his life.</p>	<p>THE MASS This unit is designed to develop children's understanding of the structure of the Mass and what is taking place. The focus will be on seeing Christ present when we gather, in the Word and in the Eucharist.</p>		<p>SPECIAL ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES In this unit the children will learn about the different tasks and responsibilities given to people in the Church. This will help them to develop their understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ made up of many different people.</p>	<p>MARRIAGE & HOLY ORDERS This unit is designed to help children understand that Marriage and Holy Orders are important Sacraments of Commitment in the Church. It will also help them appreciate that everybody has some responsibility and part to play in the life of the Church.</p>	<p>CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARY & THE SAINTS In this unit we explore some of the Church's beliefs about the Blessed Virgin Mary and the feasts that are celebrated in her honour. The children will consider why her role in the life of Christ was so important. Children will also learn about Mary and the saints being united with Christ in heaven. They will explore devotions and prayers in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints.</p>

M			FOLLOWING JESUS TO DAY This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus today. The unit develops the children's understanding of how, as followers of Jesus, we belong to the Church and the different ways that the Church, and the different members of it, follow Jesus.					
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