



This term, the focus virtues are  
 “Compassionate and Loving” and  
 “Faith-filled and Hopeful”.

*The God who Speaks – The Year of the Word*

- Spring 1:**     *“Here is the light you will reveal to the nations.” Luke 2: 32*
- Spring 2:**     *“I am the handmaid of the Lord,  
 let it be done to me as you have said.”                    Luke 1:38*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Spring Term

Early Years Foundation Stage



*“Let us protect with love all that God has given us.”*

## The topics for RE will be:

- **Baptism**

The children will begin to develop an understanding that they became part of God's Family through baptism. They will learn that baptism is a ceremony at which they are given a name and that water is poured on the baby's head. Children will look at certain symbols of baptism and understand their meaning. We will re-enact the ceremony through role play.

- *It would be helpful if you could share photos of your child's baptism with your child. Please could you also send a copy of the photo into school?*
- *Explain to the children the importance of their name. What was special about it? Why did you choose it?*
- *Role-play the events at a Baptism, reflecting on the importance of each symbol.*

- **People Who Help Us**

The children will think about and say thank you for the people who care for them. They will be told that the Church is a special place where the family of God gathers on Sundays. They will begin to develop their understanding of the priest as a special person in God's family who helps people. We will invite a Parish Priest in to talk to the children about their responsibilities within the community. Children will have a chance to ask the Priest some questions, look closely at his vestments and items he may use during the Mass.

- *You could draw your child's attention to the things in Church, e.g. candles, altar, statues, holy water.*
- *How does the church change at different times of the year? Think back to how the Church looked at Christmas. What are the changes? Why?*

- **Lent**

The children will learn that God is the Father of Jesus and that the sign of the cross names Father, Son and Holy Spirit and is a sign of love and blessing. They will continue to develop their understanding of right and wrong and the need to say sorry. Children will listen to the story of Jesus going away into the desert and understand the important message to remember during Lent: fasting, praying and doing something extraordinary for Jesus (e.g. giving something up or making a promise).

- *You could point out to your child the changes in the seasons of the year as this is a good way to introduce the season of Lent.*
- *Encourage the children to reflect on their Lenten promises and reassure them of the importance of completing the challenge.*

- **Holy Week**

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. Children will re-enact the different parts of Holy Week, sequence events and focus strongly on how certain characters feel throughout.

- *Make a crucifix a focal point for prayer during Holy Week.*
- *Sing the song 'Sing Hosanna' with the children – you could even make palms out of green paper to wave!*