



Religious Education Rationale 2022-23

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School, we believe that the teaching of Religious Education is of paramount importance to guide and support the child within a Catholic environment, in line with the mission statement of our school. Although Religious Education is taught daily in our school, it is not just confined to the RE lesson, it permeates the whole life of the school as we strive to proclaim and live out the Gospel values. Our aim at Cheadle Catholic Infant School is to create a happy caring environment where children are helped to grow in faith and moral responsibility, knowing that they are a unique person endowed with the gifts of the spirit.

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School children are given the opportunity to explore and develop their understanding of their faith through the teachings of Jesus. In accordance with diocesan guidelines, the main scheme of work is 'The Way, The Truth and The Life'. Each half term, the children explore a different topic and range of Key Learning Objectives (see below).

Throughout the year, children also have the opportunity to develop their understanding of Catholic Social Teaching ('CAFOD' workshops and assemblies, 'Mission Together' etc), RSE is linked directly to the Catholic faith through the use of the, 'Life to the Full' resources, The Catholic liturgical year forms the basis of Prayer and Liturgy, supplemented by the 'TenTen' Collective Worship resources. All children explore a range of world faiths during their time in the Infant School.

Children in Year 2 prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Nursery Key Learning Objectives

God's Wonderful World

- Learn about plants and fruits in God's world. Reflect on what God made for us.
- Learn about animals in God's world. Reflect on the animals God made for us.
- Know that God made us. Be aware that we are unique.
- Understand that God loves each one of us always. Become aware that God never stops loving us.

My Family

- Know God gives us a family to look after us. Reflect on what our family does for us.
- Know that the angel Gabriel came to visit Mary. Reflect on the angel's good news for Mary.
- Know that Jesus came to earth as a little baby. Think of how important this is for us.
- Know that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. Be aware that this is a very special celebration

The Holy Family

- Know that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple. Reflect on what happened.
- Know about the loss and finding of Jesus. Reflect on the feelings of Mary and Joseph.
- Know that Jesus loves little children. Think of ways to be kind and helpful to others.
- Know about the parable of the Good Samaritan. Try to be a Good Samaritan to others.

Sorrow and Joy

- Know that Jesus chose friends to help him. Be aware that Jesus wants us to be good friends.
- Know how Jesus helped people and gives us people to help us. Reflect on ways we can help others.
- Know that Jesus teaches us forgiveness and love. Be aware that Jesus will help us to forgive and to say sorry.
- Know that Jesus died on Good Friday but that was not the end. Experience that Easter is a very happy time.

New Life

- Begin to understand that we celebrate Easter because Jesus
- rose from the dead. Be aware that at Easter we celebrate Jesus is with us.
- Begin to understand that Jesus gives a special gift of joy and peace. Think of how we can give this peace and joy to others.
- Begin to understand that Jesus is alive and will always be
- with us. Be aware that we can always speak to Jesus.
- Know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. Think of ways to show our love for Mary.

Our Church Family

- Know we all belong to God's family. Reflect on what this means for us. Know that we belong to our Church family. Be aware that our Church family prays together.
- Know that we have a parish church. Experience a visit to the local church.
- Know why Sunday is a special day for the Church family. Reflect on ways we can pray when we go to church.

Reception Key Learning Objectives

God's World

- Know that God made the world. Think about all the things God has made for us.
- Know that God has asked us to care for the world. Think of ways in which we can help to do this.
- Know that God loves and cares for each one of us. Reflect on what this means for us.
- Know that God made each one of us different and special. Reflect on how we can thank God for everything.

God's Family

- Know that the angel Gabriel asked Mary to be the mother of God's son. Reflect on Mary's reply to the angel.
- Know that in Advent we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Think of ways we can prepare.
- Know the story of the birth of Jesus. Reflect on how important this is for us.
- Know that shepherds were the first to hear about the birth of Jesus. Reflect on the good news they received.

Getting to know Jesus

- Know about the loss and finding of Jesus in the Temple. Reflect on the meaning of this event for Mary and Joseph.
- Know that Jesus chose friends to help him. Be aware that Jesus wants us to help him.
- Know that Jesus has great love for each one of us. Think of ways to show our love for Jesus.
- Know that Jesus healed the man at the Pool of Bethesda. Reflect on how Jesus can help us.

Sorrow and Joy

- Understand that we should try to be kind and not hurt others.
- Reflect on ways to be kind and helpful to others.
- Learn to say sorry when we hurt someone and ask Jesus to help us to do this. Reflect on ways to do this.
- Know that Jesus forgave those who hurt him. Be aware that we can forgive other people when they hurt us.

- Know that Jesus died on Good Friday but that was not the end.
- Be aware that Good Friday is a sad and happy day for us.

New Life

- Begin to understand that we celebrate Easter because Jesus rose from the dead.
- Be aware that at Easter we celebrate Jesus is with us.
- Begin to understand that Jesus gives a special gift of joy and peace. Think of how we can give this peace and joy to others.
- Know the story of Jesus going back to his Father in heaven. Be aware that Jesus is still with us.
- Know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. Think of ways to show our love for Mary.

Our Church Family

- Know that we belong to our Church family. Be aware that we can all belong to this family.
- Know that the members of the Church are called Christians. Be aware we are all welcome in the church.
- Know why Sunday is a special day for the Church family. Reflect on ways we can pray when we go to church.
- Know about the Sacrament of Baptism. Be aware that we are all special friends of Jesus

Year 1 Key Learning Objectives

God's Great Plan.

- Be aware of the beauty of God's world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation
- Hear about the story of Creation from Genesis and talk about its meaning.
- Know that God made us because he loves us but the first people, Adam and Eve, made some wrong choices.
- Be aware that we have a responsibility to look after God's world and not to spoil it
- Hear the story of Noah and the Flood and respond to its promise and hope.

Mary our Mother

- Know that God sent the angel Gabriel to ask Mary to be the mother of His son. Talk about Mary's response.
- Hear about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and reflect on their good news.
- Know that Advent is a time when we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Talk about the preparations we can make.
- Know that the shepherds were the first to hear about the birth of Jesus. Reflect on the joy of Mary and Joseph.
- Know that Mary is our mother too. Think about how she looks after us.

Families and Celebrations

- Know that we all belong to a family and think about how we can love and help each other.
- Know that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple as a baby and think about why this was a very special occasion.
- Know that Jesus belonged to a family and think about the things He may have done with his family.
- Know about the loss and finding of Jesus. Reflect on the feelings of Mary and Joseph when Jesus was lost and found.
- Begin to understand what it means to belong to our church family and reflect on what we do together in church.
- Know that we become a member of the church by being baptised. Reflect on what it means to be baptised.

Following Jesus

- Know how Jesus chose some of the first disciples and think about how we choose our friends.
- Know that Jesus taught his disciples to pray and think about how we pray.
- Hear the story of the Good Samaritan. Reflect on the message it has for us as followers of Jesus.
- Hear the story of Jesus and His followers going to Jerusalem. Think of how we can show that we 'welcome' Jesus.
- Know that Jesus died on Good Friday but that is not the end of the story. Think about when sad news turns into good news.

The Resurrection

- Know that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter and reflect on how we do this.
- Know that Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. Reflect on what this means for us.
- Know that Jesus appeared to His disciples in the upper room. Think about times when we have experienced big surprises.
- Know that Jesus helped the disciples to understand that He was alive and think about how happy everyone was to see him.
- Know that Thomas did not believe Jesus was alive. Reflect on times we don't understand what is happening.
- Know that Jesus returned to heaven for forty days and reflect on the promises He made to us.

Miracles

- Know that Jesus showed his great power when he calmed the wind and the waves. Reflect on the fact that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid.
- Begin to understand how compassion motivates many people to act for the good of others. Reflect on how we help one another.

- Know that Jesus showed his love for sick people when he cured a man who was paralysed. Reflect on the great love Jesus has for all who are sick.
- Know that Jesus responded to the faith of the blind man with compassion. Think of ways in which we can trust Jesus in situations of need.
- Know that Jesus performed his first miracle at the request of his mother. Reflect on the fact that Mary our mother, will ask Jesus to help us.

Year 2 Learning Objectives

The Chosen People

- Know that we are chosen by God and that we thank God by helping others.
- Know why God chose Abraham and think about how Abraham trusted God to guide him.
- Know that God chose Moses to help his people and reflect on how he looked after him.
- Understand that Daniel had to be brave and trust in God. Think how important it is for us to trust in God.

The Mystery of God

- Know what is meant by 'a mystery'. Reflect on some mysteries.
- Know that the Trinity is a great mystery. Reflect on ways we can think about the Trinity.
- Know that God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Reflect on what Mary said to the angel.
- Know that in Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Think of ways to prepare for his birth.
- Know about the birth of Jesus. Think about why it is important for us.
- Know that the Wise Men came to worship Jesus. Think of ways we can show our love for Jesus.

The Good News

- Know about the Holy Family. Reflect on Jesus being young.
- Know that Jesus chose some helpers. Think about what we can learn from Simon Peter and Andrew.
- Know the story of the Ten Lepers and think about why it is important to say 'Thank You'.
- Know that Jesus worked a miracle to feed the hungry crowd. Be aware that Jesus asks us to help others in need.
- Know that Jesus cured a man who was paralysed. Reflect on the great love Jesus has for all who are sick.

The Mass

- Know what happens at Mass. Reflect on why it is important for us.

- Know what happens at the beginning of Mass. Reflect on what we should do.
- Know why it is important to listen to the Readings. Reflect on how the readings can help us.
- Know that at the Offertory we offer gifts to God. Think about the gifts we can offer.
- Know what happens at the Consecration. Think about how important this is for us.
- Know that it is Jesus we receive in Holy Communion. Reflect on how important this is for us.

Easter tide

- Know that Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. Reflect on what this tells us about Jesus.
- Know that Jesus appeared to the disciples. Reflect on what it was like for them.
- Know what happened after the Resurrection. Think about why the Resurrection is important for us.
- Know that Jesus goes back to heaven. Reflect on what this means for us.
- Know that the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. Be aware of how the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles.

The First Christians

- Know how the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles. Think of ways we can be like them.
- Know about the first Christians. Think of ways we can be like them.
- Know how Jesus was able to help Peter and John. Be aware that we can trust Jesus to help us.
- Recall that the Holy Spirit was able to help the Apostles. Be aware that the Holy Spirit helps us.
- Know about Peter's escape from prison. Reflect on what we can learn from it.

