




St Martin de Porres Primary School

RE Newsletter for Parents Advent Term 2018

We will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

<p style="text-align: center;">Domestic Church - Family</p> <p>In the first topic, the children explore the importance of the home and family in their lives. They will learn about the Family as the Domestic Church and recognise the loving presence of God in every home</p> <p>YR - Myself - God knows and loves each one. Y1 - Families - God's love and care for every family. Y2 - Beginnings - God is present in every beginning. Y3 - Homes - God's vision for every family. Y4 - People - The family of God in Scripture. Y5 - Ourselves - Created in the image and likeness of God. Y6 - Loving - God never stops loving.</p>	<p>At home</p> <p><i>Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members- grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it - "We show God's Love to one another" Include those who have died.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Judaism</p> <p>Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism during this week.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptism and Confirmation - Belonging</p> <p>In the next topic children are learning about the signs and symbols connected with Baptism and, in Key Stage 2, Confirmation as well.</p> <p>The symbols used for Baptism are water, oil, candles, a white garment, prayers and promises. The symbols used in Confirmation are oil of chrism, prayers and promises.</p> <p>YR - Welcome - Baptism: a welcome to God's family. Y1 - Belonging - Baptism: and invitation to belong to God's family. Y2 - Signs and Symbols- Signs and symbols in Baptism. Y3 - Promises - promises made at Baptism. Y4 - Called - Confirmation: a call to witness. Y5 - Life Choices - Marriage, commitment and service. Y6 - Vocation and Commitment - The vocation of priesthood and Religious life.</p>	<p>At home</p> <p><i>Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration</i></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Advent/Christmas - Loving</p> <p>YR - Birthday - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday. Y1 - Waiting - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas. Y2 - Preparations - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas. Y3 - Visitors - waiting for the coming of Jesus. Y4 - Gift - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus.</p>	<p>At home</p> <p><i>Discuss with the children how your family welcome visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath,</i></p>

Y5 - Hope - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the

Promised one.

Y6 - Expectations - Jesus born to show God the world.



calendar, Jesse Tree. Use the Mission or CAFOD website to find a religious Advent calendar.

Special days this term

You are welcome to join us for class assemblies.

Friday 5th October - Yr6 to First Friday Mass

Friday 21st October - Year 4 Harvest Assembly

Friday 5th October - CAFOD Fast Day

Friday 19th October - **Year 4** Harvest Assembly

Friday 7th December - Yr6 to First Friday Mass

Wednesday 12th December - Carol Service at 7pm

Thursday 13th December - Foundation Stage Nativity Bears

Friday 14th December - Foundation Stage Nativity - Tigers

Important dates for the Church this term:

Nov 1st All Saints

Nov 2nd All Souls

Nov 3rd St Martin de Porres

Nov 20th Christ the King

Dec 2nd Advent begins

Dec 8th Immaculate Conception

Dec 25th Christmas Day

During the month of October, we remember Our Lady and ask her to pray with us.



Try to say a decade of the rosary together as a family.