

R.E. Newsletter for Year Three

Parents

(Autumn term 2023, second half)

This half term your child will be studying the topic of Mary our Mother:

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“Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ and therefore the Mother of God is the first disciple. Her role in the Church flows directly from her union with Christ. She is the Church’s model of faith and charity and because of her singular response to God’s Word is Mother of the Church.” (RECD p.19)

Key Learning Objectives

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Know that God called Mary to be the Mother of Jesus and find out how Mary responded to God’s call
- Learn the ‘Hail Mary’ and begin to understand it
- Remember that Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas
- Understand that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God
- Know the stories of the shepherds and wise men’s visits to see the baby reflect on Mary’s role as our Mother, how she shows her love for us and how we can show our love for her
- Identify ways in which we can prepare for the birth of Jesus during Advent
- Experience an Advent liturgy

At Home:

You could help your children by:

- saying the ‘Hail Mary’ everyday
- talking with them about the importance of Mary in Jesus’ life

Dates to Note:

1st November	All Saints’	6th December	St. Nicholas
2nd November	All Souls	8th December	Immaculate Conception of Mary
11th November	St. Martin of Tours	10th December	Second Sunday of Advent
21st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	13th December	St Lucy
22nd November	St Cecilia	17th December	Third Sunday of Advent
26th November	Christ the King	24th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent
30th November	St Andrew, Apostle	25th December	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
3rd December	First Sunday of Advent	26th December	St Stephen, the first martyr
		29th December	St. Thomas Becket, Martyr-