

R.E. Newsletter for Year Four Parents

(Summer term, first half 2024)

This half term your child will be studying the topic of The Early Christians:

Religious Education Curriculum Directory (RECD)

"Christ inaugurated the Church when he began to proclaim Good News and through the Church he fulfils and reveals God's plan to unite all things in him. Christ gave his Church a structure in calling and choosing Twelve apostles. With them and their successors he shares his mission, his power and authority. In the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Church was revealed and its mission (apostolate) to the nations was begun...The Church's mission is that of Christ its head. The ultimate purpose of this mission is to enable all people to share in the communion of life and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." RECD p19

Key Learning Objectives:

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Know that Jesus made Peter head of the Church and think about what this means for all Christians
- Remember that the Church began at Pentecost and think about what the Holy Spirit is able to do
- Know what happened to Stephen and Saul
- Reflect on how God brings good out of evil
- Know about the challenges of being an Apostle
- Reflect on how God worked through Paul and Silas
- Know about Paul's missionary journeys and reflect on his faith and courage
- Learn some of the teaching of the Apostles
- Reflect on how this teaching helps us today

At Home:

You might like to talk to your child about some of the important people who have helped Jesus to spread the Good News. You could also research the lives of Saint Peter, Saint Stephen and Saint Paul.

Dates to Note:

25th April St. Mark, Evangelist
26th April St. George, Patron of England
3rd May Ss Philip and James, Apostles
4th May English Martyrs
14th May St. Matthias, Apostle
9th May Ascension Thursday
19th May Pentecost Sunday
31st May The Visitation of Mary