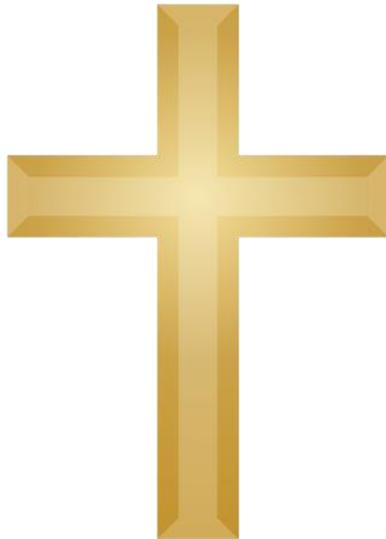


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Newsletter for R.E
and Values



Autumn Term 2017
Newsletter #1



Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to welcome you to our first R.E and Values for Life newsletter of this academic year. This year we are on Year B of our R.E rolling programme and Year A of our collective worship rolling programme.

Last year a newsletter was produced for you every half term, however this year it will change to once a term. This is due to our R.E curriculum being rewritten and instead of the children considering a big question each half term there will be 5 questions considered over the year in Reception, Year 1 and 2, then 4 questions over the year in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The newsletter will highlight the 2 values for life for the term and information on the prayer space and entrance space too. You will still receive a values at home sheet for each of the values too.

Again I hope you will find this useful and insightful.

S. Holmes
(R.E Leader)



Question 1

BIG QUESTION: What do people learn from stories about how the world began?

Concept: Creation

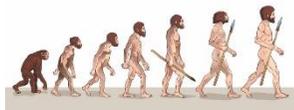
This question will be considered for 9 weeks and from the perspective of Christians, Jews, Muslims and Humanists.

Reception

The children will be thinking about this question through their continuous provision. They will be looking at the natural world and the story of creation. There will be a natural world display/area in each reception classroom.

Year 1 and 2

The children will be looking at the natural world around them, listening to the Biblical creation story and considering the views of Christians, Jews and Muslims. They will look at how Christians thank God through harvest festivals, what Sukkot is for Jews and why they make Sukkahs during this time and how Muslims follow the Prophet Muhamad by looking after everything and everyone and not wasting water. They will also consider the views of Humanists and find out about Charles Darwin. The children will carry this out through role-play, stories, writing, drawing, construction, taking photographs, collecting objects etc.



Question 2

BIG QUESTION: What does Christmas matter to Christians?

Concept: Incarnation

This question will be considered for 6 weeks and therefore be continued for the first few weeks of the spring term.

Reception

The children will be thinking about this question through their continuous provision. They will listen to the story of Jesus' birth and be able to use the nativity scene during their free-flow. They will also be joining in with the whole school nativity play.

Year 1 and 2

In year 1 the children will be thinking about how they know Christmas is coming and why they think it matters to Christians. They will consider what sort of bedroom Jesus would need and compare it to where he was actually born. The children will be encouraged to use the word advent and learn what this means. They will think about thankfulness and gratitude at Christmas.

In year 2 the children will be thinking about how they do not know what people are like just by looking at them and that Jesus did not look special but He was very special. They will also think about who knew Jesus was God and the types of gifts that were given to Him. The children will consider images from the nativity scene and what they believe the characters may have been thinking and feeling. They will also think about songs that Christians sing about Jesus being born.



Question 1; Year 3 and 4

BIG QUESTION: What do Christians mean when they say in the Lord's Prayer 'Your Kingdom come' and how do Christians work to bring God's Kingdom on Earth?

Concept: Kingdom of God

This question will be considered for the whole of this term. The children will be looking at how the teachings of Jesus affect the ways Christians live their daily lives in particular through the gospel by what Christians mean when they say 'Your Kingdom Come'. They will also think about what Kingdom of God and eternal life is, how the disciples were called, how parables are used for teaching and what love thy enemies mean.

Nearer the end of this unit of teaching and learning the children will be looking at incarnation and how Christians bring hope at Christmas. They will think about the work of street pastors, foodbanks and social action.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen.*

Question 1; Year 5 and 6

BIG QUESTION: Do all religions and beliefs view God in the same way?

Concept: Views of God

This question will be considered for 6 weeks. The children will be looking at the Trinity, Muslim and Hindu views about God, Humanist and Atheist views, tribal religions and cults. They will also explore diversity of views, including their own views and opinions.



Question 2; Year 5 and 6

Why is it important to Christians that they believe that God came to Earth as a human being?

Concept: Incarnation

This question will be considered for 6 weeks. The children will be thinking about how Christians around the world express and interpret their faith. They will look at how the story of incarnation is interpreted around the world and what can be learnt from the different gospel writings about the message of the incarnation. They will consider how Christians around the world celebrate Advent and Christmas. The children will think about the significance of the Eucharist and what this is as well as how Christian artists interpret the salvation story.





First Half Term Value

Our first value for this term is trust. This will be developed through stories, talking about what trust is and looking at pictures. We will also be thinking about black history month.

Prayer space and entrance

In the prayer space there will be ribbon available for the children to tie on to lollipop stick and ask God to help them stick with him like their friends stick with them.

In the entrance there will be a God's blessings bag which the children can choose from, when they choose their blessing they will be encouraged to ask God to help them pick the blessing He would like them to have.



Second Half Term Value

Our second value will be friendship. This will be developed through looking at pictures, stories about friendship and feelings charts. We will also be thinking about anti-bullying week, St. Andrews day, Advent and Christmas.

Prayer space and entrance

In the prayer space there will be some origami envelopes from cut-out hearts, the children will be asked to put the name of their friend inside and pray for them.

In the entrance there will snowflakes, snowflakes are all different just like God made us all different. The children will be encouraged to write the name of someone in the class and pray for them.

Values at home

The Values at home sheets will continue to come home at the beginning of each half term. Please look at these and try to do some of the activities with your child to help them with their understanding of our values.

Clergy/Visitors in collective worship



Catfield	Hickling	Sutton
	13.09.17 Trisha <i>Introduce trust</i>	11.09.17 Mavis <i>Introduce trust</i>
19.06.17 Shaun <i>Taking responsibility for our time</i>	20.09.17 Ron <i>Read 'Can't you sleep little bear'</i>	18.09.17 Jeanette <i>The story of Gideon</i>
29.10.17 Helen <i>Harvest</i>		29.10.17 Mavis <i>Harvest</i>
02.10.17 Helen <i>Black history</i>		02.10.17 Shaun <i>Black history</i>
		09.10.17 Richard <i>'The best wine of all' Bible story.</i>
16.10.17 Shaun <i>'The storm on the lake' Bible story.</i>	18.10.17 Ron <i>People's feelings about death.</i>	20.10.17 Simon <i>At Sutton Church</i>
HALF TERM		
	01.11.17 Trisha <i>David & Saul</i>	30.10.17 Jeanette <i>Friendship</i>
06.11.17 Helen <i>Discuss treasures</i>		06.11.17 Mavis <i>Discuss treasures</i>
		13.11.17 Simon <i>Anti-bullying week</i>
20.11.17 Shaun <i>Story of Simon Peter</i>	22.11.17 Ron <i>Quarreling with friends</i>	20.11.17 Jeanette <i>Friends in trouble</i>
	29.11.17 Ian <i>St. Andrew's Day</i>	21.11.17 Richard <i>Advent candle 1</i>
	06.12.17 Trisha <i>Trust & Friendship</i>	28.11.17 Shaun <i>Advent candle 2</i>
		15.12.17 Richard <i>Christmas</i>

Join us for collective worship



Catfield	Hickling	Sutton
Every Monday at 9.00-9.20	Every Monday 9.00- 9.20	Every Monday 9.00-9.20
Every Friday at 9am	Every Friday 2.30-3.00	Every Friday at 9am