



RE Newsletter Autumn 1

Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term, children across the school, will be exploring **Branch 1: Creation and Covenant** in their Religious Education lessons.

Through this branch, children will explore the idea that **God's creation** is a precious gift and develop their understanding of **covenant** – the special promises and relationships God makes with His people. Across the school, children will build their understanding of how we are called to respond to God's gifts and promises through faith, trust, gratitude and responsibility.

Creation: God's World is a Gift

Children will explore the Christian belief that God created the world, and it is wonderful. They will reflect on the beauty and wonder of creation and consider how we can show gratitude for this precious gift by caring for God's world and one another.

Covenant: God's Promises

Children will learn that a covenant is a special promise or relationship between God and His people. Through the stories of Noah and Abraham, pupils will explore how God makes promises and how His people are called to respond with faith, trust and commitment. These stories will help children understand the importance of keeping promises, trusting God and taking responsibility for the world and the people around us.

Learning Together

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning and faith journey. As parents and carers, you are your child's first educators, and the conversations, prayers and experiences you share at home, play an important part in nurturing their faith and understanding.

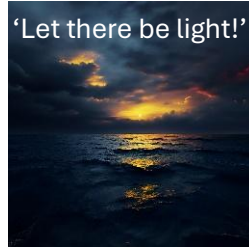
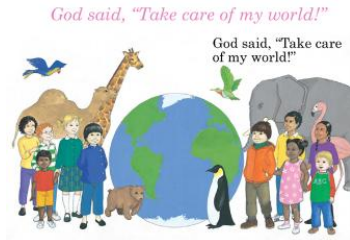
Thank you for all that you do to support your child and our school community.

Mrs Chippendale
RE Coordinator



Reception

This half-term, children will explore how God's love is shown through His creation, our families and the world around us. They will learn how to care for one another and look after God's wonderful creation. Children will also discover how Baptism welcomes us into God's family.



Year 1 and Year 2

In this branch, children will learn about God as Creator and explore the Christian belief that God created everything, both seen and unseen. They will hear the Creation story and understand that it helps us learn about God and His creation.

Children will explore the Nicene Creed, learn about prayer and reflect on how we can care for and protect God's wonderful world, following the message of '*Laudato Si*'.



Year 3 and Year 4

In Years 3 and 4, children will explore the Creation stories in Genesis and learn how they help us understand God, humanity and the world around us. They will reflect on the beauty of creation through prayers, psalms and poems, including St Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures*. Children will also explore what it means to be a steward of creation, considering how we can care for and protect our world. They will learn about Pope Francis' message in '*Laudato Si*' and our responsibility to care for our common home

Year 5 and Year 6

In Years 5 and 6, children will explore the historical, cultural and religious context of Abraham's call from God. They will develop their understanding of covenant and discover how God's covenant with Abraham is foundational to the faith of both Judaism and Christianity. Children will reflect on what it means to have faith in God, trusting in what He reveals and responding to His call to live a good and purposeful life. They will explore the lives of people of faith and consider how living out the virtues of faith, hope and love can help Christians grow in their relationship with the Holy Trinity, trusting what God reveals, and following God's loving purpose to live a good life. They will explore the lives of the faithful and how through living out virtues of faith, hope, and love Christians are drawn into a closer relationship with the Holy Trinity.

Learning at Home

How can you support your child?

- Read the story of Creation together from a child's version of the Bible and say a prayer to God to give thanks for all the wonderful things that He has created.
- Thank God for His wonderful creation and talk about how we can care for our world.
- Go on a nature walk and notice the beauty around you.
- Talk about how we can show faith, hope and love in our everyday lives.
- With older children, talk about Abraham and what his story teaches us about having faith and trusting God.