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The Six Branches of the RE Curriculum

The model curriculum has six annual themes (branches), each linked to a term. Pupils study the Bible and learn about the Catholic worldview lived out in the Church. They reflect on what this means for their lives. The branches follow the liturgical cycle, enabling links with wider aspects of Catholic life. Each year builds layers of knowledge through scripture, art, and music, ensuring progression and reflection.

Nursery					
Term 1 Branch 1	Term 2 Branch 2	Term 3 Branch 3	Term 4 Branch 4	Term 5 Branch 5	Term 6 Branch 6
God's Glorious Creation <u><i>The children will explore and learn about:</i></u> ➤ Know who God is and how Christians believe God made the world. ➤ Understand how God created the beautiful world and everything in it. ➤ Explore the wonders of creation, including animals, plants and the natural world.	Family and the Nativity <u><i>The children will explore and learn about:</i></u> ➤ Know who belongs to their family. ➤ Understand why families are special and important. ➤ Explore how families love and care for one another. ➤ Understand how God loves us and welcomes us into His family.	All about Jesus <u><i>The children will explore and learn about:</i></u> ➤ Know who Jesus is and how much He loves people. ➤ Explore some of the wonderful things Jesus did. ➤ Understand what Jesus was like – kind, caring and helpful.	Sorrow and Joy <u><i>The children will explore and learn about:</i></u> ➤ Explore how we can be kind and caring to others. ➤ Understand what we can do when we make mistakes or hurt someone. ➤ Know the Easter story and why it is important to Christians.	Praying <u><i>The children will explore and learn about:</i></u> ➤ Understand how we can talk to God through prayer. ➤ Explore different ways we can pray. ➤ Know who we can pray for. ➤ Understand how prayer helps us thank God	God's Special House <u><i>The children will explore and learn about:</i></u> ➤ Explore places that are special to us and where we live. ➤ Understand where God is and how Christians believe God is always with us. ➤ Know that the church is God's special house. ➤ Explore a church and what we can see there.



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➤ Know where God is and how Christians believe God is always with us. ➤ Understand how God loves and cares for everyone. ➤ Know that each person is special and loved by God. ➤ Explore ways we can care for God's world and look after creation. ➤ Understand how we can show thankfulness for God's gifts through words, actions and prayer	➤ Know about Mary, Joseph and Jesus as the Holy Family. ➤ Explore the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. ➤ Understand how Christians prepare for Christmas during Advent. ➤ Explore ways to show kindness and help others. ➤ Know why Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.	➤ Understand how we can be like Jesus in our words and actions. ➤ Know about the miracle at the Wedding at Cana. ➤ Know about the healing of the paralysed man. ➤ Know about the feeding of the 5,000. ➤ Explore how Jesus helped and cared for others. ➤ Understand how Jesus showed God's love to everyone.	➤ Understand how Jesus showed love and forgiveness. ➤ Know how Jesus forgave others. ➤ Explore how Christians celebrate Easter as a joyful time. ➤ Explore ways we can say sorry, forgive and show kindness to others.	and care for others. ➤ Know how Christians continue to follow Jesus after the Resurrection. ➤ Explore creating and sharing a simple class prayer together.	➤ Understand why people go to church to pray and celebrate together. ➤ Know how the church is a place where people feel close to God.
Reception					
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Creation and Covenant	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter
➤ Know that God made our beautiful world and everything in it. ➤ Notice and talk about the wonders of God's creation. ➤ Listen to and retell parts of the Creation story. ➤ Know that God made people and loves everyone. ➤ Understand that God said creation was good. ➤ Know that each person is special and loved by God. ➤ Learn that God asks us to care for His world.	➤ Know that Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. ➤ Listen to and talk about the story of the Annunciation. ➤ Know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. ➤ Retell parts of the Nativity story. ➤ Know that the shepherds were told about Jesus' birth by angels. ➤ Sequence and recall key events of the Christmas story. ➤ Learn about the tradition of the Christmas crib. ➤ Understand that Advent is a time of	➤ Listen to and talk about the story of the Wise Men visiting Jesus. ➤ Know that the Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus. ➤ Know that Jesus is God's Son and came for everyone. ➤ Listen to and talk about stories of Jesus and His followers. ➤ Understand that Jesus welcomes and loves everyone. ➤ Know that Jesus cares for people and their needs.	➤ Know that Lent is a special time when Christians prepare for Easter. ➤ Recognise simple signs of Lent, including the colour purple, ashes and caring for others. ➤ Understand that Lent is a time to be kind, help others and make good choices. ➤ Learn about some Lent traditions and ways Christians prepare for Easter. ➤ Retell key events of Holy Week, including Jesus	➤ Know that after Jesus rose from the dead, he returned to his Father in heaven at the Ascension. ➤ Retell the story of the Ascension and talk about what it teaches about Jesus. ➤ Know the story of Pentecost and that the Holy Spirit came to help Jesus' friends. ➤ Recognise that the Holy Spirit helped the disciples and is often represented	➤ Know that Saint Peter and Saint Paul were special friends of Jesus. ➤ Retell the story of Jesus naming Peter and understand why Peter is called the 'rock' of the Church. ➤ Know that Saul became Saint Paul and helped spread the Good News about Jesus. ➤ Learn about the role of a parish priest and how priests help people follow Jesus. ➤ Understand that Christians belong to a church community and



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➤ Identify simple ways to care for creation. ➤ Celebrate the beauty of God's world. ➤ Show thankfulness for God's gifts through words, actions and prayer.	preparation for Christmas. ➤ Recognise some Advent traditions, including the Advent wreath. ➤ Identify ways to show kindness and help others during Advent. ➤ Know that God sent Jesus because He loves everyone. ➤ Celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.	➤ Listen to and retell the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. ➤ Learn that Jesus wants us to help those in need. ➤ Listen to and talk about the story of the Good Samaritan. ➤ Understand that we should show love and kindness to everyone. ➤ Learn that the Glory Be is a special prayer. ➤ Reflect on how we can follow Jesus by showing	entering Jerusalem and sharing the Last Supper. ➤ Know that Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday. ➤ Understand that Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus rising from the dead. ➤ Know that Jesus was given new life by God and that Christians celebrate this at Easter. ➤ Recognise simple Easter symbols, including the colour white, Easter gardens and signs of new life. ➤ Understand that Easter is a	through symbols such as wind. ➤ Understand that the first Christian community shared, cared for one another and lived as a family. ➤ Know that Christians gather together in church to pray, sing and celebrate their faith, especially on Sundays. ➤ Understand that the parish church is a special place where Christians meet and worship.	work together to serve others. ➤ Know that Shabbat is a special day of rest and prayer for Jewish people. ➤ Recognise some special objects used during Shabbat, such as challah bread and the Kiddush cup. ➤ Understand that Shabbat is an important celebration for Jewish families. ➤ Learn that Muslims prepare carefully for prayer and use special items such as a prayer mat. ➤ Know that Muslims pray in a mosque and recognise some
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		love and care for others.	joyful celebration and that Christians believe Jesus is with us still. ➤ Recall the main events of the Easter story in simple sequence.	➤ Identify some important features found inside a church, including the altar, ambo and candles. ➤ Retell key stories from the branch and place them in the correct sequence. ➤ Use religious vocabulary such as Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Spirit, church, Christian, prayer, altar and ambo with growing confidence.	features of a mosque. ➤ Understand that prayer is important in different faith communities. ➤ Recognise that people of different religions pray and worship in different ways. ➤ Develop respect for similarities and differences between faith communities. ➤ Talk about ways they can help others to pray and reflect quietly. ➤ Use key vocabulary such as Peter, Pope, Paul, priest, Shabbat, challah, Kiddush, madrasa, prayer mat, mosque
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and prayer with increasing confidence.

Year 1

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Creation and Covenant ➤ Know that the Creation story is found in Genesis 1. ➤ Retell the story of Creation in different ways. ➤ Understand that God is the Creator of heaven and earth. ➤ Recognise that everything comes from God. ➤ Explore the beauty and wonder of God's creation.	Prophecy and Promise ➤ Know that the Bible is a special book that tells people about God and Jesus. ➤ Listen to and retell the stories of the Annunciation, Visitation and Nativity. ➤ Understand that God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. ➤ Know that Mary said "Yes" to God's call. ➤ Learn why Mary is important to Christians.	Galilee to Jerusalem ➤ Know that the stories about Jesus are found in the Gospel of Luke. ➤ Identify people who met Jesus and recognise that He is special. ➤ Understand that Jesus is a light for all people. ➤ Explore how people's lives changed when they met Jesus.	Desert to Garden ➤ Understand that Lent is a special time when Christians prepare for Easter. ➤ Recognise that Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and that ashes are a symbol of a new start. ➤ Make links between Jesus' time in the wilderness and the ways Christians pray,	To the Ends of the Earth ➤ Sequence key events from the life of Jesus studied throughout the year. ➤ Retell the story of The Road to Emmaus and recognise how the disciples met the risen Jesus. ➤ Retell the story of the Ascension and know that Jesus returned to	Dialogue and Encounter ➤ Understand that a Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. ➤ Recognise that the cross is an important symbol of Christianity and that the sign of the cross is a Christian prayer. ➤ Understand that Catholics are part of a worldwide Christian family. ➤ Make links between Jesus' life, his teachings and



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➤ Express thanks and praise to God for His gifts. ➤ Know that prayer helps us grow closer to God. ➤ Become familiar with the Our Father prayer. ➤ Learn about Pope Francis' message in Laudato Si'. ➤ Understand that we are responsible for caring for God's world. ➤ Identify ways to care for creation and other people. ➤ Recognise that caring for others shows love for God. ➤ Learn how people around the world care	➤ Become familiar with the words of the Hail Mary prayer. ➤ Know that the birth of Jesus reveals God's love for the world. ➤ Recognise that Jesus is God's Son. ➤ Understand that angels are God's messengers. ➤ Know that the shepherds were told about Jesus' birth by angels. ➤ Explore how artists represent the Nativity story. ➤ Learn about the Gloria and songs of praise. ➤ Recognise ways Christians	➤ Know that Jesus came to share God's Good News. ➤ Make simple links between Jesus' mission and helping others today. ➤ Retell the story of Jesus calling the fishermen. ➤ Understand that Jesus welcomed and cared for children. ➤ Explore the story of Zacchaeus and how meeting Jesus changed him. ➤ Recognise that Jesus showed love,	- fast and help others during Lent. ➤ Understand that Jesus teaches the importance of giving to others through the story of the Widow's Offering. ➤ Retell and sequence the key events of Holy Week, including Jesus entering Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. ➤ Recognise how people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. ➤ Understand what	- his Father in heaven. ➤ Retell the story of Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit came to help Jesus' followers. ➤ Reflect on how the apostles may have felt during the events following the Resurrection. ➤ Recognise that Catholics celebrate the Ascension and Pentecost as special feast days. ➤ Understand that Jesus gave his followers a mission to	- how Christians live today. ➤ Learn how people in a local parish community work together to help others. ➤ Explore what happens when Christians gather in church and how they celebrate their faith. ➤ Recognise that Christians express their beliefs in different ways through music, art and prayer. ➤ Explore how Christians share the message of Jesus through their words and actions. ➤ Learn about Jewish religious life and
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for our common home. ➤ Reflect on how they can make a positive difference in their community.	celebrate the birth of Jesus. ➤ Reflect on the messages of joy, hope and love in the Christmas story.	kindness and forgiveness. ➤ Know that Luke wrote these stories about Jesus. ➤ Learn about the Christian celebration of Candlemas. ➤ Reflect on how they can follow Jesus by showing love and care for others.	happened at the Last Supper and why it is important for Christians. ➤ Recall the events of Jesus' death on Good Friday. ➤ Know that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. ➤ Recognise that angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is alive. ➤ Understand that Christians believe Jesus suffered, died and rose again. ➤ Reflect on what the stories of Lent, Holy Week and	share God's love with others. ➤ Make simple connections between the mission of Jesus and the mission of the Church today. ➤ Recognise that Christians share the Good News through their words and actions. ➤ Reflect on the importance of prayer in the lives of Christians. ➤ Become familiar with the prayer Glory Be to the Father.	practices, including the Torah and the mezuzah. ➤ Understand that the Torah is an important sacred text for Jewish people. ➤ Recognise that Jewish people use special objects and symbols as part of their faith. ➤ Learn about the Qur'an and understand that it is a sacred text for Muslims. ➤ Recognise the importance of respecting the beliefs and practices of different faith communities. ➤ Explore examples of Islamic calligraphy and
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			Easter teach about Jesus. ➤ Use religious vocabulary such as Lent, Ash Wednesday, fasting, Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Crucifixion, Resurrection and angel with growing confidence.	➤ Retell key stories from the branch and place them in the correct sequence. ➤ Use religious vocabulary such as Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Spirit, apostles, mission, Good News and Glory Be with growing confidence.	understand how art can express faith. ➤ Use key vocabulary such as Christian, cross, church, parish, Catholic, Torah, mezuzah, Jewish, Qur'an, Muslim, prayer and worship with increasing confidence.
Year 2					
Term 1 Branch 1	Term 2 Branch 2	Term 3 Branch 3	Term 4 Branch 4	Term 5 Branch 5	Term 6 Branch 6
Creation and Covenant ➤ Know that the Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament.	Prophecy and Promise ➤ Know that Isaiah and John the Baptist were prophets who shared God's message.	Galilee to Jerusalem ➤ Retell the story of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist and	Desert to Garden ➤ Understand that Lent is a special time of reconciliation, forgiveness	To the Ends of the Earth ➤ Know that Saint Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and the	Dialogue and Encounter ➤ Understand the story of the Good Samaritan and what it teaches Christians about



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➤ Understand that psalms are prayers and songs that praise God. ➤ Explore creative ways people express the wonder of Creation. ➤ Know and retell the story of Noah and the Ark. ➤ Understand that the rainbow is a sign of God's promise to all living creatures. ➤ Reflect on the importance of caring for God's world. ➤ Understand the meaning of stewardship. ➤ Identify actions that help or harm creation and other people.	➤ Understand that Isaiah spoke about Jesus long before He was born. ➤ Explore Isaiah's images of light and darkness and their link to Jesus. ➤ Retell key events from the stories of the Annunciation and the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. ➤ Know that the Holy Spirit was at work in these events. ➤ Understand the importance of the Visitation. ➤ Know that Mary is the Mother of God and prays for Christians.	- understand why it is an important event in Jesus' life. ➤ Recognise that Jesus' miracles, including healing the man who could not walk and calming the storm, are signs that He is the Son of God. ➤ Understand that Jesus used parables, such as the Parable of the Lost Sheep, to teach people about God's love and forgiveness.	- and turning back to God. ➤ Know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps Catholics receive God's forgiveness and make a fresh start. ➤ Understand the purpose of an Examination of Conscience and how it helps people think about their choices. ➤ Recognise what Jesus said on the Cross about forgiveness and understand that Christians believe God always forgives. ➤ Reflect on how Jesus teaches	- Acts of the Apostles. ➤ Retell and sequence key events after Jesus' Resurrection, including the Ascension and Pentecost. ➤ Reflect on how the disciples may have felt after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. ➤ Understand that Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church. ➤ Retell the story of Saul's	- loving and helping others. ➤ Reflect on the question "Who is my neighbour?" and consider ways they can show kindness and care in their own community. ➤ Recognise that Christians work together to support people locally and globally. ➤ Explore how acting as a good neighbour can make communities more caring and welcoming. ➤ Learn about Jewish beliefs and practices, including Tzedakah (giving to others) and the importance
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➤ Learn how to be good stewards of God's gifts. ➤ Know that Baptism welcomes people into the Christian family. ➤ Recognise the symbols and actions used in Baptism. ➤ Use simple religious vocabulary to talk about Baptism. ➤ Reflect on God's love, care and promises to all people. ➤ Explain why caring for creation and others matters.	➤ Learn about Mary's prayer, the Magnificat. ➤ Identify Zechariah's message about John the Baptist's future. ➤ Recognise that Jesus is the promised Saviour. ➤ Understand how Christians prepare for Jesus' coming during Advent. ➤ Learn about the meaning of the Advent wreath and other Advent traditions. ➤ Explore how different communities celebrate and prepare for Christmas. ➤ Know that St Luke wrote a	➤ Know that everyone can make wrong choices (sin), but God loves and forgives all people. ➤ Explore the story of Zacchaeus and understand the importance of saying sorry and making better choices. ➤ Recognise that Catholics pray for forgiveness and understand the purpose of the Act of Sorrow.	➤ people to forgive others. ➤ Understand that Easter celebrates Jesus' Resurrection and the new life He brings. ➤ Recognise the importance of the Easter Vigil Mass and its celebration of Easter. ➤ Identify light and water as important symbols used during the Easter Vigil Mass. ➤ Explain what the symbols of light and water represent for Christians. ➤ Use religious vocabulary such as reconciliation,	➤ conversion and recognise how he became Saint Paul. ➤ Learn about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how Christians show them in their lives. ➤ Recognise how saints and holy people demonstrate qualities such as love, kindness, peace and patience. ➤ Understand that Christians believe the Holy Spirit helps them pray and	➤ of helping people in need. ➤ Understand the importance of Shabbat as a special day of rest, worship and family time for Jewish people. ➤ Recognise how Jewish beliefs influence daily life, including worship, celebrations and traditions. ➤ Learn about Muslim beliefs and practices, including Zakat (giving to those in need) and the importance of helping others. ➤ Understand how Muslims prepare for prayer and the importance of Salah in Muslim life.
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	Gospel about Jesus and the early Church. ➤ Reflect on the themes of hope, promise and preparation for Jesus' birth.	➤ Recall key teachings from the branch about Baptism, forgiveness, miracles and parables. ➤ Use religious vocabulary such as baptism, forgiveness, miracle, parable, sin and temptation with growing confidence.	forgiveness, sin, conscience, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Easter Vigil with growing confidence. ➤ Recall and make links between Lent, forgiveness, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Crucifixion and the Easter celebration.	make good choices. ➤ Explore the prayer "Come, Holy Spirit" and symbols of the Holy Spirit, such as wind, fire and the dove. ➤ Use key vocabulary such as Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Spirit, conversion, Fruits of the Spirit and prayer with confidence.	➤ Learn about prayer at the madrasa and how Muslims worship as part of their community. ➤ Develop respect and understanding for the beliefs and practices of different faith communities. ➤ Reflect on how people from different communities can live together with kindness and respect. ➤ Use key vocabulary such as Good Samaritan, neighbour, charity, Tzedakah, Shabbat, Zakat, Salah, madrasa, prayer and
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					worship with increasing confidence.
Year 3					
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Creation and Covenant ➤ Know that God created the world and everything in it. ➤ Retell the story of Creation (Genesis 1:1–31). ➤ Understand that all people are made in God's image (Genesis 1:26–27). ➤ Recognise that all people are equal and have dignity. ➤ Know that God asks us to care for creation. ➤ Understand the importance of the seventh day	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter



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of rest (Genesis 2:1–3). ➤ Explore how the Psalms praise God for creation (Psalm 8 and Psalm 91). ➤ Understand what it means to be stewards of creation. ➤ Identify ways to care for the world and treat others fairly. ➤ Reflect on how we can show love for God, people and creation.					
Year 4					
Term 1 Branch 1	Term 2 Branch 2	Term 3 Branch 3	Term 4 Branch 4	Term 5 Branch 5	Term 6 Branch 6
Creation and Covenant ➤ Know the story of Abraham and understand its historical context.	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter



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➤ Retell key events in Abraham's life in the correct sequence. ➤ Understand the meaning of covenant and God's covenant with Abraham. ➤ Know that God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah through the birth of Isaac. ➤ Explore the story of Abraham and Isaac and what it teaches about trust in God. ➤ Understand why Abraham is known as the foundation of faith for Judaism and Christianity. ➤ Recognise Abraham as a model of prayer and faith.					
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➤ Understand how Abraham's decisions were guided by faith, hope and love. ➤ Learn about Joseph and how his trust in God helped him through challenges. ➤ Understand the virtues of faith, hope and love. ➤ Make links between prayer and the virtues of faith, hope and love. ➤ Explore how people such as Saint Oscar Romero lived out these virtues. ➤ Reflect on how faith, hope and love can help us be good neighbours.					
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➤ Consider how living out these virtues can make a positive difference in our communities.					
Year 5					
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Creation and Covenant ➤ Understand what a covenant is and know about God's covenants with Noah, Abraham and Moses. ➤ Retell key events from the story of Moses, including the Burning Bush and the Sinai Covenant. ➤ Understand the importance of the Ten Commandments. ➤ Explain how the Ten Commandments	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter



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help people live good and happy lives. ➤ Explore the meaning of Jesus' Greatest Commandment and His summary of the Law. ➤ Make links between the Ten Commandments and loving God and our neighbour. ➤ Reflect on what brings true happiness. ➤ Understand the meaning of Catholic Social Teaching and the common good. ➤ Explore what it means to love and care for our neighbours. ➤ Understand that sin harms our					
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relationship with God and others. ➤ Recognise the importance of making good choices guided by conscience. ➤ Know that a virtue is a positive habit that helps people live well. ➤ Identify virtues that help people grow in faith and character. ➤ Reflect on how virtues can help us become better neighbours and members of our community.					
Year 6					
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Creation and Covenant ➤ Understand different types of writing used	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter



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in the Bible, including symbolism, metaphor and poetry. ➤ Explore the second Creation story in Genesis and its key messages. ➤ Understand the story of the Fall and the Christian belief in original sin. ➤ Explain how sin damages relationships with God, others and creation. ➤ Understand the importance of free will, choices and consequences. ➤ Explore how Jesus is the New Covenant who restores humanity's					
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relationship with God. ➤ Understand what John's Gospel teaches about Jesus as the Word made flesh. ➤ Explain Christian beliefs about the Sacrament of Baptism. ➤ Know the purpose and meaning of the Nicene Creed. ➤ Understand how the Nicene Creed expresses Christian beliefs about the Trinity. ➤ Explore the teachings of Laudato Si' on stewardship and caring for creation. ➤ Understand the responsibility Christians have					
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to care for the world and one another. ➤ Recognise that faith and science can work together in understanding the universe. ➤ Learn about Christian scientists such as Georges Lemaître and their contributions to scientific knowledge. ➤ Reflect on how Christian beliefs about creation, sin, stewardship and salvation influence life today.					
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