



Year 8 RE Learning Journey

YEAR GROUP: Year 8 Learning Map

SUBJECT: RE

When?	Understanding	Knowledge	Assessment
<p>Autumn Half Term 1</p>	<p><u>Unit 1: Creation and Covenant</u></p> <p>The overall objective of Unit 1 is to ensure pupils have an awareness of the humanity as created by God and its role in God’s creation.</p>	<p>This unit examines Catholic beliefs about the Fall, original and personal sin, the Imago Dei, the meaning and effects of Baptism, the covenant with Moses, the Decalogue and Greatest Commandment, the role of conscience, the witness of figures like Desmond Doss and Sophie Scholl, and how faith responds to injustice in the world today.</p> <p>Key words include; Conscience, original sin, the fall, personal sin, mortal sin, venial sin, imago dei, free will, stewardship, baptism, decalogue, Sinai covenant, mount Sinai.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will contain an A, B, C and D part question to assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
<p>Autumn Half Term 2</p>	<p><u>Unit 2: Prophecy and Promise</u></p> <p>Unit 2 allows the students to explore the role of Prophets in the Bible and reflect on the way God is calling them today.</p>	<p>This unit explores the role and message of biblical prophets, the cycle and fulfilment of messianic prophecy in Jesus, the continued relevance of prophetic voices today, the Church’s understanding of priest, prophet, and king, global Advent traditions, and how symbols like the Jesse Tree and carols express Catholic beliefs about preparation and hope.</p> <p>Key words include; Prophet, vocation, marriage, morality, external Gospel call, priest, king, messianic, advent, Amos, Elijah, John the Baptist.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>The assessment will contain an A, B, C and D part question to assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
<p>Spring Half Term 1</p>	<p><u>Unit 3: To the Ends of the Earth</u></p> <p>Students continue to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Jesus focusing on his miracles and the way Jesus wants us to treat others.</p>	<p>This unit examines the nature of the Kingdom of God through Scripture, parables, miracles, and acts of mercy, explores the lives of modern witnesses like Mother Petrozzi and the SVP, considers Catholic responses to suffering and miracles, and interprets how artwork and sacraments express core beliefs about God’s healing presence and justice.</p> <p>Key words include; Parable, Son of Man, Son of God, Arius, heresy, kingdom, the kingdom of God, miracle, literal interpretation, theology, anointing of the sick, justice, peace, reconciliation, moral sense of scripture, corporal works of mercy, spiritual works of mercy.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will contain an A, B, C and D part question to assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
<p>Spring Half Term 2</p>	<p><u>Unit 4: Desert to Garden</u></p> <p>Students begin to evaluate key Christian concepts such as the existence of suffering and its link to the Paschal Mystery.</p>	<p>This unit explores the problem of evil and suffering through the Old Testament, the Passion of Christ, and personal experiences, examines Catholic responses to suffering through art, sacraments, and moral teaching on euthanasia, and reflects on Lenten practices, the Triduum, and the transformative role of reconciliation and prayer.</p> <p>Key words include; suffering, evil, moral evil, natural evil, inconsistent triad, theodicy, ambivalent, suffering servant, triduum, lent, fasting,</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>The assessment will contain an A, B, C and D part question to assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>

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		prayer, almsgiving, penance, contrition, confession, absolution.	
Summer Half Term 1	<p><u>Unit 5: To the Ends of the Earth</u></p> <p>Unit 5 aims to bring pupils to a greater understanding of the core Cristian concepts of resurrection and eschatology.</p>	<p>Students will study the importance of the resurrection and its role in salvation. Topics will include; resurrection, why is resurrection important, where does Jesus resurrect, eschatology, baptism and salvation, funeral Rite.</p> <p>Key words include; Resurrection, ascension, eschatology, heaven, hell, judgement, purgatory, salvation, funeral rite, requiem, funeral liturgy, committal, immortality of the soul.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>Pupils will sit an assessment at the end of the unit which will contain an A, B, C and D part question to assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>
Summer Half Term 2	<p><u>Unit 6: Dialogue and Encounter</u></p> <p>First half of the unit aims to help students to understand the importance of interreligious dialogue. Then students put acquired knowledge into practice when they encounter the religion of Islam.</p>	<p>This unit explores the aims and impact of the Second Vatican Council, especially its emphasis on dialogue through Ecclesiam Suam, examines the beliefs and traditions of the Eastern Catholic Churches—particularly the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church—and highlights the spiritual, cultural, and societal benefits of interfaith and interbelief dialogue in the modern world. Students will also explore the beginnings of the Islamic faith, key beliefs and practices, and Islam in the 21st century.</p> <p>Key words include; dialogue, proclamation, Eastern Catholic Churches , Second Vatican Council, interfaith, patrimony, Ecclesiam Suam, liturgical rites, dchism, Byzantine Rite, Allah, Muhammad, the Qur’an, the Mosque, Sawm, Salat, Zakat, Ramadan, Hajj.</p>	<p>Homework tasks will be set each week which directly relate to the lessons. These can be found on the homework sheet.</p> <p>The assessment will contain an A, B, C and D part question to assess their knowledge, understanding and ability to evaluate the topics covered.</p>