**Religious Education**

**spring Term 2016**

**Come and See at home**

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

**Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),**

**This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.**

**Suggestions for home activities**

**Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.**

**Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child’s Bible.**

**Local church - community**

***(4th-29th January)***

**Early Years CELEbrating -** People celebrate in Church

**Year 1 special people -** People in the parish family

**Year 2 Books -** The books used in Church

**Year 3 Journeys -** Christian family’s journey with Christ

**Year 4 Community -** Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish

**Year 5 mission -** Continuing Jesus’ mission in diocese (ecumenism)

**Year 6 sources -** the Bible, the special book for the Church

**Suggestions for home activities**

**Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives*.***

**Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.**

**Eucharist - Relating**

***(1st February-4th March)***

**Early Years gathering -** Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist

**Year 1 meals -** Mass, Jesus’ special meal

**Year 2 thanksgiving -** Mass, a special time to thank God

**Year 3 listening & Sharing -** Jesus gives himself to us

**Year 4 giving & receiving -** Living in communion

**Year 5 memorial Sacrifice -** Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ’s sacrifice

**Year 6 unity -** Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

**Suggestions for home activities**

**As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.**

**If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.**

**Lent/easter - giving**

***(7th March-24th March)***

**Early Year growing -** Looking forward to Easter

**Year 1 change -** Lent: a time for change

**Year 2 opportunities -** Lent: an opportunity to start anew

**Year 3 giving all -** Lent: remembering Jesus’ total giving

**Year 4 self discipline -** Celebrating growth to new life

**Year 5 sacrifice -** Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus

**Year 6 death & new life -** Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection

**IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

January 1st

 **The Epiphany of the lord**

January 3rd

**The Baptism of the lord**

January 10th

**The Presentation of the Lord**

February 2nd

**Ash Wednesday**

February 10th

**St David, Bishop, patron of wales**

March 1st

**St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

March 19th

 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

March 20th

**Maundy Thursday**

March 24th

**Good Friday**

March 25th

 **Easter Sunday**

March 27th