

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MARY'S

AUTUMN TERM 2018

## GO SHINE IN THE WORLD!

Dear Parents/Carers,

During the first half term of the Autumn term at St Mary's, we will be studying a range of different faiths, including Sikhism, Hinduism and Judaism. In the second half term the children will be studying a topic with a Christian theme. The children will take the time this term to write prayers for their individual prayer books on Advent and Christmas.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

Foundation Stage	CHRISTIANITY - Who made the wonderful world?
Year 1	JUDAISM- What is it like to live as a Jew?
Year 2	JUDAISM - Why are they having a Jewish party?
Year 3	HINDUISM- What is the importance of the symbols, beliefs and teaching in Hinduism?
Year 4	JUDAISM- What does it mean to be a Jew?
Year 5	ISLAM- What does it mean to be a Muslim?
Year 6	BUDDHISM- What is Buddhism?

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Help your child to find out about the religion they are studying in class by using books from the library and websites.

[www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Religion.html](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Religion.html)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

Foundation Stage	CHRISTIANITY – Why is Christmas special for Christians?
Year 1	CHRISTIANITY – The 10 commandments
Year 2	CHRISTIANITY – Where is the light of Christmas?
Year 3	CHRISTIANITY - How do Advent and Epiphany show us what Christmas is really about?
Year 4	CHRISTIANITY – Is peace the most important message at Christmas?
Year 5	CHRISTIANITY – Christmas through Art and Music
Year 6	CHRISTIANITY – How would Christians advertise Christmas?

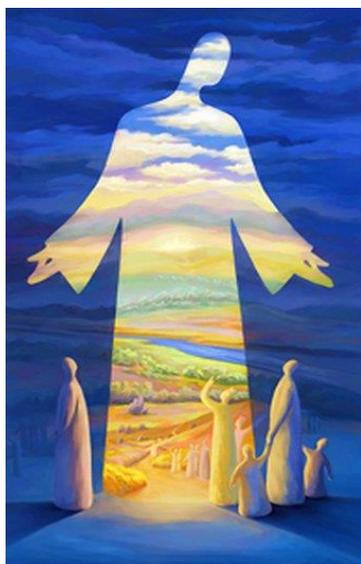
### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Ask your children to tell you the story of Christmas and what God's ultimate gift to mankind is.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, candles, calendar.

'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.'

John 3:16



### Pupils' Voice...

Last term Y4 reflected on who Jesus is and why He refers to Himself as 'the Light of the World'.

*Jesus is a light source spiritually. He is a light source because He gives Christians hope, confidence and a conscience. When Christians have a hard time and they pray to Jesus, He will fill them with hope and happiness. When we are planning something, our conscience will tell us what is right and what is wrong. Jesus is that quiet voice that tells us to do the right thing. We need to believe in ourselves and have confidence that we have Jesus' light in us so that we can go and shine in the world.*

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# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## **ALL SAINTS**

(1<sup>st</sup> November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

## **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

(2<sup>nd</sup> November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

## **ADVENT**

(Begins 2<sup>nd</sup> December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus - when he was born - but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

(25<sup>th</sup> December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.