**Religious Education at St Ambrose**

**Overview of the Academic Year 2023-2024**

**We are compliant with the Religious Education Directory. The curriculum has been developed using the scheme Come and See as its framework supported by the work covered in our Building the Kingdom programme.**

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| **Autumn** |   **Domestic Church - Family****Early Years - Myself -** God knows and loves each one**Year 1 - Families -** God’s love and care for every family**Year 2 - Beginnings -** God is present in every beginning**Year 3 - Homes -** God’s vision for every family**Year 4 - People -** The family of God in Scripture**Year 5 - Ourselves -** Created in the image and likeness of God**Year 6 - Loving -** God who never stops loving St Ambrose Feast Day – September 10th  | **Baptism/Confirmation - Belonging****Early Years - welcome -** Baptism: a welcome to God’s family**Year 1 - belonging -** Baptism: an invitation to belong to God’s family**Year 2 - signs and symbols -** Signs and symbols in Baptism**Year 3 - promises -** Promises made at Baptism**Year 4 - called -** Confirmation: a call to witness**Year 5 - LIFE CHOICES -** Marriage, commitment and service**Year 6 - vocation and commitment -** The vocation of priesthood and religious life | **Other Faiths –Judaism** **Early years N/R** **Special days/ ritual objects** Hanukkah (Chanukah)The feast of lights**Year 1 Stories** Abraham and Moses**Year 2 Prayer/home** Shabbat**Year 3 Places for worship** The synagogue**Year 4 Holy Books** The Torah**Year 5 Beliefs and festivals** Pesach**Year 6 Belonging and values**Yom Kippur | **Advent/Christmas - Loving****Early Years - birthday -** Looking forward to Jesus’ birthday**Year 1 - waiting -** Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas**Year 2 - preparations -** Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas**Year 3 - visitors -** waiting for the coming of Jesus**Year 4 - gift -** God’s gift of love and friendship in Jesus**Year 5 - hope -** Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one**Year 6 - expectations -** Jesus born to show God to the world |
| **Spring** | **Local Church - Community****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 | **Eucharist - Relating****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 |  | **Lent/Easter - Giving****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 |
| **Summer** | **Pentecost - Serving****Early Years - GOOD NEWS -** Passing on the Good News of Jesus**Year 1 - Holidays and Holydays -** Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit**Year 2 - spread the word -** Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News**Year 3 - ENERGY -** Gifts of the Holy Spirit**Year 4 - NEW LIFE -** To hear and live the Easter message**Year 5 - TRANSFORMATION -** Celebration of the Spirit’s transforming power**Year 6 - WITNESSES -** The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses | **Other Faiths – Islam****Early years N/R** **Special days/ ritual objects** Prayer mats**Year 1 Stories** Muhammad**Year 2 Prayer/home** Prayer at home**Year 3 Places for worship** The mosque**Year 4 Holy Books** The Qur’an**Year 5 Beliefs and festivals** Ramadan andPilgrimage**Year 6 Belonging and values** Guidance for Muslims | Feast of St Peter and St Paul – 29th June Reconciliation topic integrated across the rest of the curriculum  | **Universal Church - World****Early Years - OUR WORLD -** God’s wonderful world**Year 1 - NEIGHBOURS -** Neighbours share God’s world**Year 2 - TREASURES -** God’s treasure; the world**Year 3 - SPECIAL PLACES -** Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community**Year 4 - GOD’S PEOPLE -** Different saints show people what God is like**Year 5 - STEWARDSHIP -** The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation**Year 6 - COMMON GOOD -** Work of the worldwide Christian family |