

The Way, The Truth And The Life

Year 3 Autumn (1) 2020



Our R.E. Topic this half term is 'The Christian Family'. Through this topic your child will have the opportunity to:

- Understand that the Church is the family of God.
- Know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
 - Know what happens at Baptism.
 - Know the signs used in Baptism and why they are used.
- Know the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism.
 - Know that Baptism is a Sacrament.
 - Reflect on what it means to be part of a family.
- Reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family.

To think about what it means to be part of a family and about what it means to be part of the Christian family.

The children will be taught that family plays a major role in the ethics of Christianity. They will explore the family that they have around them in their day to day lives, how they live together and the love that is shared within a family.

They will then go on to learn what it means to be part of the Christian family, how it is worldwide, with all Christians.

To know that we join the Christian family when we are baptised and what happens when we are baptised

The class will be told that we join the Christian family when we are baptised. They will learn that this is done in the church and carried out by the Priest. The children will be introduced to the idea that to be part of the Christian family, is to live as Jesus did.

The children will also be taught what happens at the baptismal ceremony, and be encouraged to find out about their own baptism.



The Christian Family

To know about some of the signs used in baptism and the importance of promises within the ceremony

The children will learn five of the signs of baptism, their meaning and significance in the ceremony. The children will find links between these and the Christian family. They will be taught the importance of the promises that are taken by parents and godparents within the ceremony. They will also come to understand the need for the keeping of these promises.

To know that baptism is a sacrament

Through this objective, the children will explore the meaning of the term 'sacrament'. They will be taught that the sacraments we undertake as Christians, and will learn how these bring us closer to God and make us stronger followers of Jesus. They will learn the rite of baptism and how the words that are used by the Priest are so important.