The Way, The Truth And The Life

Year 3 Autumn (2) 2021

Our R.E. Topic this half term is 'Mary, Mother of God'. Through this topic your child will have the opportunity to:

- Know that God chose Mary to be the mother of His Son. Think about the importance of being chosen.
- Know that Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Think about how we can help each other.
- Know about the mysteries of Incarnation. Reflect on Mysteries.
- Understand that Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Think about how we can prepare.
- Know about the birth of Jesus. Reflect on what this means for us.
- Know that Wise men came to worship Jesus. Think about the gifts we can offer to Jesus.

Mary, Mother of God

To retell the story of the Annunciation and reflect on the importance of this scripture. To study this scripture through different art forms and express a preference.

The children will focus on the story of the Annunciation and retell this story in their on words. They will discuss why Mary was chosen by God to carry his son and consider the importance of being chosen. The children will consider how Mary would have felt about this, as well as how it would have affected Joseph too.
The children will then study different artistic interpretations of the Annunciation and express a preference about which they believe shows the story best.



To reflect on the mysteries of Incarnation.

The children will learn about the meaning of the word 'mystery'. We will explain that some types of questions are very difficult because nobody really knows the answer. These questions are called mysteries. God wants us to think about these mysteries even though we cannot fully understand them.
The children will be told that the mystery of the Incarnation means that God became a real human being, He was born as a little baby called Jesus and Mary was his mother. Children will reflect on what the meaning of this mystery means to them.

To understand what advent is—how it is a time to prepare and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The children will understand that the four weeks leading up to Christmas are an important time—we call this time advent. The word 'advent' means coming and during advent we especially think about the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
We will study the signs and symbols of advent and what each of these represent for this special time. We will also consider how we prepare for this special time remembering the true meaning of celebrating Jesus' birth.

To reflect on every aspect of the birth of Jesus and reflect on what this means for us.

Through this objective, the children will explore the story of the birth of Jesus. Not only will we spend time retelling this story, but we will consider the uncomfortable journey that Mary and Joseph had to make, but the amazing gift that came from this.
We will consider how this changed the world forever and its impact.
We will also study the story of the Wise men and explain how we can worship Jesus and offer him gifts through the behaviour in our own lives.