

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
RE Progression from 'God Matters' supplementary guidance

Units	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn term							
Creation	Introduces God as creator of all and our response to the world He created. Explores ways of talking to God through prayer. Explains and introduces the Sign of the Cross. 'How can we find out about God's Creation and give Him thanks?'	Introduces the account of creation in the Bible. We learn how to praise God for His many gifts and that psalms are prayers of praise. 'What happened when God created the world? How can we praise him?'	Looks at God as creator and how He works through His people to protect His creation. Explores why the Old Testament is proclaimed as the Word of God. 'How do people and stories in the Old Testament inspire us to look after God's creation?'	Examines how we are called to be part of God's creation through baptism. Explores how Jesus calls us and called his disciples. 'How are we called to a New Life?'	Explores being made in the image and likeness of God, as seen through the story of Genesis and how we are called to respect all similarities and differences. Looks at how we are called to eradicate injustice through the work of CAFOD. 'What does it mean that we are all made in the image and likeness of God?'	Explores how we become creators, which involves the two creation stories in Genesis. What it means to be the People of God, as expressed by St Paul and as expressed in the Beatitudes. 'How should we live as one of the People of God?'	Explores the call to be the 'People of God' and the need to be part of God's creation by overcoming disharmony, by upholding God's law. Explores the ten commandments. 'Is it easy being one of the 'People of God'?''
Catholic Social Teaching	Introduces the Church's social teaching. Explores how we are called to be loved and to share	Builds on the work in the Creation unit to explain how we are given the important role of being stewards of God's Creation.	Explores links between Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospels. Explores the Church's social	Builds on the work in the Creation unit to explain how we are given the important role of being stewards of God's Creation.	Explores links between Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospels. Explores the Church's social	Explore how Jesus reached out to all, particularly the marginalised. Explores links between Catholic	Explores how we can all make a difference, however small, to improve our common home.

	our love with others, particularly those in need. Explores links between Catholic Social Teaching and parables told by Jesus. Who needs our love?	Explores links between Catholic Social Teaching and parables told by Jesus. Explores the Church's social teaching, particularly the Christian duty to reach out to those in need. How can we share God's love for the world?	teaching, particularly the Christian duty to be a light to others and lead by example by reaching out to those in need. How can we share the light of the world?	Explores links between Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospels. Explores the Church's social teaching, particularly the Christian duty to value all as a child of God and show them dignity and respect. What does it mean to be a steward of Creation?	teaching, through the vehicle of Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti (all brothers and sisters) and the question posed to Jesus, 'Who is my neighbour?' Who is my neighbour?	Social Teaching and the Gospels. Explores the Church's social teaching, particularly the Christian duty to see Christ in all we meet and to show them respect and dignity. Who are the marginalised and how can they be included?	Explores links between Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospels. Explores the Church's social teaching, particularly the Christian duty to lead by example and reach out to those in need. How does Catholic Social Teaching guide us to do the right thing?
Charisms							
Advent	Introduces Advent as a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus. 'How should we get ready for Christmas?'	Looks at getting ready for the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph and helps to identify their response to God. 'How will our journey through advent help us get ready for Jesus?'	Looks at the symbolism to help us get ready to meet Jesus Looks at the main themes/messages linked to Advent 'How can we help 'Prepare a way for the Lord?'	Explores Advent as a time when we prepare for Christmas and recognise Jesus in the world. It looks at the story of the Annunciation. 'Why is Mary an important guide for us during Advent?'	The First Coming of Jesus is placed in historical context though the lives of his ancestors (House of David). Explores the nature of the Messiah 'How does the Old Testament help us in understanding Advent?'	Connects the coming of Jesus with the promise revealed in the Old Testament and looks at the titles that were given to the expected Messiah in the Old Testament. 'How does John the Baptist help us to prepare during Advent?'	Examines the two parts of the season of Advent through parables, prayers and hymns of the Church. 'How should we use Advent to be prepared, ready and alert?'

Spring term							
Christmas	Explores the story of the first Christmas. ‘What happened in the first Christmas?’	Looks at how the birth of Jesus changed others. Shares the story of the Wise Men and the reasons they brought gifts. ‘How was the birth of Jesus different from our own births?’	Shows how we can get to know Jesus through the journeys of others. Looks at the journey of the Magi in detail and introduces the Flight to Egypt. ‘Which are the key journeys in the Christmas story?’	Through the shepherds, we reflect on the nature of Jesus’ Birth. What part do the shepherds play in the Christmas story?	The role of angels in the story of Christmas as messengers of Jesus’ Good News is examined. The feasts associated with Christmas, such as the Annunciation and the birth of John the Baptist, are also explored. Who are God’s messengers?	Explores the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph as revealed in Mathew’s Gospel, including the role of King Herod. The implications of the Christmas story for us today are also looked at. ‘How can the circumstances of Jesus’ birth inspire our actions today?’	Looks in detail at the Birth of Jesus, expressed as ‘The Word’ in St John’s Gospel. Explores the meaning of ‘Incarnation’. ‘What more can we learn from the Bible accounts of Christmas?’
Revelation	Looks at how God is shown in our lives and through the work of others, including the priest. ‘How can we be like Jesus and be a shepherd to others?’	Reveals how God shows himself to us in Jesus. Looks at the signs Jesus gave us to show that God’s kingdom was in him. Looks at Jesus as a teacher and a healer. ‘How does Jesus teach us?’	Explores stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is. It looks in particular at the miracle stories. ‘How do the example and teachings of Jesus show what we should do as one of his followers?’	Explores the Liturgy of the Word as revealing God. ‘Does God still call people today and how do they respond?’	Looks at how the apostles and Anna and Simeon saw the glory of Jesus as the only Son of the Father. The revelation of Jesus as Light of the World. ‘What does it mean to be the ‘Light of the World’?’	Study of certain parables looks at our understanding of the Kingdom of God and explores how the divine revelation is communicated, particularly in baptism. ‘How does getting to know Jesus help us know God better?’	Looks at the personal relationship St Paul enjoyed with God. Looks at Matthew 28, to consider what is meant by ‘Apostolic Tradition’. ‘How do the examples of Jesus’ followers guide us today?’

Other Faiths (Autumn) – carried forward due to change in diocesan guidance	Judaism Looks at how Jesus followed the Jewish faith and explores how Jewish people attend a synagogue to pray.	Judaism The Jewish religion is introduced and that Jews give thanks and praise to God. The Sabbath day is explored in the multi-faith element.	Islam Looks at Islam and the feast of Ramadan.	Judaism Explores how Jewish people pray.	Islam Looks at the importance of prayer in Islam.	Judaism Explores Jewish understanding of repentance.	Islam Looks at prophets in the Islamic religion.
	Hinduism Introduces the Hindu religion.	Hinduism Explore stories of Hinduism.	Sikhism Looks at the three duties of a Sikh.	Hinduism Looks at initiation rites of the Hindu and other religions. Explores Hindu worship.	Sikhism Looks at the celebrations of light over darkness in the Sikh religion.	Hinduism Looks at symbolism in Hinduism.	Sikhism Considers the work of the ten Gurus in the Sikh religion and what their key teachings are.
	Sikhism Introduces the Sikh religion.						
Lent	Introduces Lent as a time when we get ready for Easter and introduces, through the example and teaching of Jesus, different ways of getting ready.	Explores the basic meaning of Lent and links it to the life and teachings of Jesus. Looks at how we can get ready for Easter by changing.	Looks at Lent as being preparation for Easter, commencing with Ash Wednesday and being a time of seeking forgiveness and doing penance. Looks at the Our Father.	Looks at how Jesus changed the people he met and deepened his relationship with the Father through prayer.	Examines Jesus' time in the wilderness. It also explores how prayer, fasting, almsgiving and living out the Beatitudes help us prepare for Easter.	Looks at the concept of temptation. Looks at how preparation for Easter involves becoming more like Jesus through St Paul's teaching.	The means by which we prepare for Easter are explored in depth, through the teachings of Jesus in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and the account of the Samaritan woman at the well.
	'How can we help others in Lent?'	'How can we use Lent to get to know God and Jesus better?'	'Why is Lent a time for	'Why is Lent a special time to show compassion?'	'How can we use Lent to make more space in our lives for God?'	'Why is change a key theme for Lent?'	'How can we use Lent to change

			repentance and forgiveness?’				ourselves for the better?’
Holy Week	Explores the events which led up to Easter. ‘What happened during Holy Week?’	Highlights the importance of the Last Supper and introduces the Stations of the Cross as a prayer. ‘What can I find out about what happened to Jesus during Holy Week?’	Looks at the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus and considers Holy Week events through the eyes of Mary. ‘What messages from Holy Week can guide us today?’	Places the Last Supper in with events of Holy Week. There is a particular focus on the Last Supper because of its connection with the Mass. ‘How do the events of the Last Supper still guide us today?’	The reasons for the death of Jesus are explored through his Passion and death. ‘Why did the crowd turn against Jesus?’	Provides a focus on Jesus driving the traders from the temple. ‘How does the story of Jesus driving the traders from the temple help us understand the tensions around Jesus?’	Considers what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane and the denial of Peter. ‘What would we have done if we were in the Garden of Gethsemane?’
Summer							
Easter	Looks at the joy of the Easter season by reflecting on the emotions of those discovering the empty tomb. ‘Why is Easter a time for hope and joy?’	Will look at the impact that the Resurrection had on the lives of the ordinary people who witnessed it. ‘What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus?’	Looks in further detail at the account of the empty tomb. Thomas is introduced, to show that people responded in different ways to the Resurrection of Jesus. ‘How can we share and use what we learn about Easter to help others?’	Provides a focus on the appearance of Jesus to his disciples. Symbolism of the Easter season, including the liturgical colours, is explored. ‘Why is it good to find the time to share a meal?’	Looks at the risen Jesus, shown through the Ascension and other stories. ‘Where does the Easter journey take us?’	Examines the Church’s belief in eternal life, as shown in the Easter story. How can the Easter Triduum guide and inspire us?	Examines the Easter story through the eyes of Thomas and the sources of doubt. Examines the belief in eternal life through the life of the Church today (funerals). ‘Why is the Resurrection such an important event for Christians?’

Pentecost and Mission	Looks at events of the upper room and explores what a friend of Jesus does.	Looks at the events of Pentecost, its meaning and how it changed the lives of the followers.	Examines the nature of the promise made by Jesus to send his Spirit.	Explores the effect of the Spirit and the role of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic Prayer.	Explores the events of Pentecost in detail and looks at how the gift of languages is expressed.	Examines the words of Peter after Pentecost.	Considers the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as expressed through Confirmation and their effect on the life of the Church.
	What should the friends of Jesus do?	Why did the Holy Spirit come at Pentecost?	Identifies Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.	How are you transformed by the Holy Spirit?	Examines the qualities of a follower of Jesus as expressed in Colossians.	Explores the Church’s belief in the Holy Spirit within the Trinity.	Explores the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit in John’s Gospel.
			Examines the link between Pentecost and Confirmation.		Looks at the role of the apostles proclaiming the Good News.		
			What promise did Jesus keep at Pentecost?		How do Christians give witness to the Good News?	In what ways does the Holy Spirit transform lives?	Where can we see the Holy Spirit at work?
Other Faiths (Summer)	Islam Introduces the Muslim faith and the importance of prayer in Islam	Islam Explores the faith of Islam and how Muslims pray five times a day.	Judaism Looks at the Jewish festival of the harvest (Sukkot).	Islam Explores the faith of Islam and how Muslims pray five times a day.	Judaism Examines issues of reverence and respect in the Jewish faith and the Torah.	Islam Looks at importance of peace through the five pillars of Islam.	Judaism Explores the importance of ‘shalom’ and the Sabbath in the Jewish faith.
			Looks at the Torah and the Jewish faith.		Examines the importance of Yom Kippur in the Jewish religion.	Looks at the importance of the pilgrimage to Mecca for Muslims.	Explores the history of the Jewish faith.
		Sikhism Looks at the Sikh religion and introduces Guru Nanak.	Hinduism The Hindu feast of Holi is studied.	Sikhism Duties of a Sikh and what it means to be Sikh today	Hinduism Explores the Hindu festival of Diwali.	Sikhism Explores stories told by Guru Nanak and other gurus.	Hinduism Explores the Hindu belief in reincarnation.

Sacraments	Introduces the idea of God's presence at all times in our lives.	Starts to focus on forgiveness and healing.	Looks at what a sacrament is. This is done through exploration of what happens during the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and the Eucharist.	Looks at the Sacrament of the Eucharist.	Explores the nature of vocation and its symbolism in preparation for work on the Sacraments of Vocation in year 5. This is done through Old Testament stories, which show how God calls people in faith and the symbolism of anointing.	Looks at the commitment expressed in the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony.	Looks at the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as revelation of the Holy Spirit.
	Uses language of sacraments. 'How is God with us as we grow?'	Establishes the relationship of the actions of healing and forgiveness with Jesus. 'How can we follow Jesus' example and make people feel better?'	'How do promises and symbols help us to better understand the Sacraments?'	Looks at what happens during Mass and the meaning behind what happens. 'How does Jesus feed his followers?'	'How am I called to serve?'	Why are Holy Orders and Matrimony sacraments of service/vocation?	Looks at our role in the Church. 'How do the sacraments support and guide us on our Christian Journey?'