



**St. Peter's**  
Catholic Primary School

# Christmas

Key Stage 1, Year A, Autumn Term 2

3 weeks



## We put Jesus at the heart of everything that we do.

special kind unique inventive  
generous awesome gentleness  
purity helpful good positive  
expressive enjoyable caring  
adventurous bouncy zingy  
fun truth colourful superb  
confident polite compassion  
friendly enthusiastic marvellous  
comforting nice remarkable  
happy magnificent great  
meaningful forgiveness  
exceptional joy wonderful  
interesting creative hopeful  
incredible spectacular  
original brilliant peace  
lovely service outstanding  
dynamic amazing  
dignity fabulous impressive  
beautiful sacrifice  
glorious fantastic tolerance  
exciting terrific delicious  
integrity cool considerate  
phenomenal laughing funny  
sharing humility loving  
energetic smiling captivating  
justice encouraging mercy  
gracious faithful important  
supporting delightful thankful  
hard-working tremendous



### The aims of our curriculum:

- We aim to be like Jesus the teacher, where all children learn to be good, inquisitive learners, capable of making our world a better place. Like Jesus our shepherd, no child will be left behind.
- We want our children to know more and remember more
- We aim to provide our children with a broad curriculum, rich with cultural capital.
- We aim to teach what is required from the National Curriculum as a minimum.
- We aim to create a curriculum that is teachable, clear and practical where possible.
- We want all of our children to progress so that they can tell us about their own progression in learning.
- We want our children to be able to tell us why they are learning what they are learning.

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

*John 3:16*

# Our Curriculum Drivers:

## Catholic Social Teaching

We will create bambinelli to present to for a blessing at our Christmas Mass at the end of the year. We will do this as one of the carousel activities during our Advent prayer hour.

We will raise money for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper day (08/11)

## Our Resilience

We will all have a line to speak in the play. We will be brave and stand up to perform the greatest story ever told.

## Our Community

We will welcome people into our school to watch our performance. We will also try to attend the Key Stage 2 community performance in the Church during the last week of school.

## Sustainability

We will consider donating last year's Christmas Jumper to school (if it does not fit) so that it can be bought by someone else at the Fair and be reused within our community.

During our work on the seasons, we will create artwork, which depicts the features of each season. We will use only recycled materials for this display.

## Diversity and inclusion

During our Advent prayer afternoon, we will learn about communities in need around the world. We will write prayers for hope for these communities so that they might find peace, joy and love this Christmas.

# Christmas:

## As Theologians, we will:

Learn about the season of Advent. We will learn about time, symbols and characters of the liturgical Season of Advent. We will focus on Advent being a season of preparation for Christmas through the story of John the Baptist and parish activities.

All children will learn that the Advent Wreath is a symbol of preparation for Christmas. They will know some parts of the story of John the Baptiste and a few details about Christians preparing for Christmas.

Most children will know that Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas; describe the Advent Wreath and explain why it is a symbol of preparation for Christmas. We will know the story of John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. We will describe some ways the parish will prepare for Christmas.

Some children will also understand more deeply the message of John the Baptist and how it highlights the importance of preparing for Jesus' birthday and his coming again.

## As artists we will:

Create Christmas cards, featuring the image of the angel that appears to tell Elizabeth that she is going to have a baby (John the Baptist). We will use collage to create our cards, using a variety of materials and textures for effect. We will include relevant scripture in our creations.

We will also create angel halos that we can wear for our Christmas parties. We will use our drawing and colouring skills to create a Christmas themed placemat that we can use at our Christmas dinner.

## As performers we will:

Retell the story of the Nativity with songs and acting. We will learn our lines, play our parts and celebrate Christmas with the best Nativity play ever!

Our play is 'A Really Noisy Nativity' by Alison Carver

## As scientists we will:

Learn about the seasons of the year. We will ask and answer simple questions about the features of each season and create a season's checklist. We will create artwork, which communicates the features of each season. We will learn about the length of the day and explain that the length of daylight is different in each season. Some of us will be able to explain why. We will conduct an experiment to find out how the day length changes.