



Creation and Covenant Autumn 1

Dear families, welcome to a new school year. I hope it brings an opportunity for you and your children to talk, think and learn together.

The religious education unit for Autumn 1 is called ***Creation and Covenant***, it is the 'beginning' branch. This branch anticipates the birth of Jesus in Autumn 2 and so explores the history of the ancestors of Jesus, the Israelites. In particular it establishes them as the chosen people of God: the people gifted with the promised land (Canaan) and committed in covenant to the God who walked with them.

As the name suggests two areas of study are taught in this half term.

The first study focuses on the beginning of the earth in the creation accounts of Genesis 1 (for EYFS to year 4), and Genesis 2 for Year 6. Year 5 take 'time out' to learn about the Catholic scientist who proposed the theory of the big Bang, allowing pupils to learn that Genesis and science are not opposed.

The second study moves to another beginning, but this time the beginning of the people who would become a nation. Abraham's life is the focus for younger pupils; Moses and his leading of the people out of Egypt, is the focus for older pupils. The leadership of Miriam is an exciting addition for Year 6.

Branch 1 teaches one of the best-known epics in the world, the Exodus, and lays the foundation for a range of beliefs and practices that are drawn from it and taught in coming terms, not the least, Passover and the Eucharist.

What a great place to start!