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Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School

Religious Education Department

Curriculum Overview Year 8

2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Unit title	Creation and Covenant	Prophecy to Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	EOY Exam Islam (Encounter and Dialogue)
Aims	This unit highlights Genesis 3 and the Fall of humanity, illustrating the effects of sin and temptation. Adam and Eve's choice to eat from the Tree of Knowledge shows our struggle with temptation. Catholics believe that God helps us through grace, prayer, the sacraments, and Jesus Christ's example. The importance of laws is emphasised. God's laws in Scripture guide us to live righteously, promoting love and justice. Seeing these laws as expressions of God's love helps build respectful relationships. Students should reflect on how laws shape ethical behaviour and seek God's strength to overcome challenges, which is key to understanding sin and experiencing God's love.	This unit will focus on the crucial roles of the prophets in conveying God's messages and guiding people back to their faith. Messianic prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel predict future events and inspire hope, encouraging adherence to God's teachings. They emphasise themes of repentance and new beginnings, calling communities to devotion. Every day, individuals can also act as lay prophets, sharing God's messages through service and advocating for justice. The prophetic mission remains relevant today, as both Messianic and lay prophets inspire reflection, change, and a renewed commitment to God, promoting hope in a struggling world.	This unit will focus on the fundamental teaching of Jesus that the kingdom of God is open to all. It emphasizes that those who are marginalized in this life will not be overlooked by God. The unit will explore both corporal and spiritual acts of mercy and how we can uphold the values taught by Jesus. Additionally, it will examine miracles and pilgrimages, highlighting how they continue to take place today in support of those who are suffering. The unit will also cover the sacrament of the sick and its role in assisting the most vulnerable when they are in need.	This unit focuses on the suffering of Jesus and the purpose of suffering. It reflects on suffering in the Old Testament and compares it with the suffering of Jesus. The topic centres around Jesus' suffering, illustrating how good can emerge from suffering. This can inspire and help people in their daily lives, encouraging them to offer their burdens to God and trust in His strength. The topic is taught during Lent, highlighting how Christians prepare for Easter, particularly through the sacrament of reconciliation.	This unit focuses on Jesus's resurrection and the significance of the empty tomb for the Christian understanding of resurrection. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that "the resurrection is the central and crowning truth of the Christian faith." This unit explores eschatology, examining the concepts of death, judgment, heaven, and hell. It also emphasizes the importance of baptism and its connection to funeral rites, illustrating how God's love can lead us to eternal life.	This unit introduces students to the core beliefs and practices of Islam, focusing on the Five Pillars and how Muslims incorporate these beliefs into daily life. Creative opportunities will include designing prayer mats, building mosque models, and experiencing the Hajj pilgrimage.

All individual unit aims, homework, resources, adherence to Curriculum Directory, School Principles, Teaching and Learning Focus are outlined in the individual written Scheme of Work and supported by a lesson PowerPoint.

The purpose of this year is to give a broad look at the events of God in History, focussing on the role of Jesus, and the effects this has on believers.