



Prayer and Liturgy Themes

Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1

Celebrating the season of Creation for a whole month from the Day of Prayer for Creation on 1st September through to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October.

Week beginning	Theme
4/9/23	<p><u>School Mission</u> Our New School Year - Mission Statement Making a new start.</p> <p>“BELIEVE IN THE LIGHT SO THAT YOU WILL BE CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT” JOHN 12:36</p>
11/9/23	<p><u>New Beginnings</u> The Creation (Genesis) (Psalm 8:3-4)</p>
18/9/23	<p><u>Rules</u> Today you say the Lord is your God; you promise to obey him, to keep all his laws ... (Deut 26:17)</p>
25/9/23	<p><u>Thankfulness</u> I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praises to God while I live (Psalm 104:33) Every day I will thank you; I will praise you forever and ever. (Psalm 145:2)</p>
2/10/23	<p><u>Harvest</u> 6th October: Cafod Harvest Fast Day (campaign day to address issues of food and hunger around the world)</p>
9/10/23	<p><u>Prayer</u> 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day October is dedicated to Our Lady. Teach the children how to use Rosary beads to count their prayers. Older children should know the prayers used in the Rosary and the names of the Mysteries.</p>
16/10/23	<p><u>Generosity</u> Those who are generous are their own benefactors (Prov 11:17)</p>
23/10/23 (Liturgical colour: White - Remembrance)	<p><u>Remembrance</u> 31st Oct: Halloween, Vigil for All Saints Day 1st Nov: All Saints Day 2nd Nov: All Souls Day</p>
30/10/23	<u>Half Term</u>

Autumn 2

Week beginning	Theme
6/11/23 (Liturgical colour: White - Remembrance)	<u>Peace</u> <i>11th Nov: Armistice Day</i> Blessed are the Peacemakers, they shall be called children of God (Matthew 5:9) Peace is what I leave with you (John 14:27) 10/11/23 - Cenotaph visit to lay Poppies
13/11/23	<u>Friendship</u> I speak to you as friends because I have told you everything that my Father has told me (John 15:15)
20/11/23	<u>Children in the Light</u> Monday 20 th Nov - World Children's Day Children of the Light Mission Statement - " BELIEVE IN THE LIGHT SO THAT YOU WILL BE CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT " JOHN 12:36
27/11/23 (Liturgical colour: violet/purple - symbolises joyful waiting, renewal and expectation)	<u>Goodness</u> God raises the poor from the dust; he lifts up the needs from their misery (Psalm 113:7)
4/12/23	<u>Advent</u> <i>Sunday 3rd December: First Sunday of Advent</i> Introduce Advent Wreath - lighting of first candle.
11/12/23	<u>Advent</u> - lighting the second candle. <i>Sunday 10th December</i>
18/12/23	<u>Advent</u> - lighting the third candle. <i>Sunday 17th December</i>
22/12/23 (Liturgical colour: white or gold - symbolises true joy and triumph)	<u>Advent</u> - lighting the fourth candle. <i>Sunday - 24th December</i> Christmas Story - how are Mary and Joseph feeling? Explore waiting and trust in God.