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|  | Y1  God’s Great Plan | Y1  Mary, our Mother | Y2  The Chosen People | Y2  The Mystery of God |
| Recognise religious stories  AND  Retell, in any form, a narrative that corresponds to the scripture source used | *The story of Creation (including Gen 1:14-31; 2:1-4; 2:5-25)*  *The Fall (including Gen 3:1-19)*  *Noah’s ark (Including Gen 6:5-12, 13-22; 7:1-16, 17-24; 8:1-14, 15-22; 9:1-17, 18-29)* | *The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38)*  *The Visitation (Lk 1:39-45)*  *The birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-7)*  *The visit of the shepherds (Lk 2:7-20)* | *God chooses Abraham*  *God chooses Moses*  *God chooses Daniel* | *The Annunciation*  *The Mystery of the Incarnation (including Lk 2:6-20)*  *The visit of the men from the East (Mt 2:1-11)* |
| Recognise key figures in the history of the People of God | *God reveals himself to us throughout our history. Firstly, with Adam and Eve, he created them out of love, and he invited them into an intimate relationship with him. He gave them the gift of freedom, but they chose to disobey him and turned from him.*  *Noah showed great faith and trust in God. God made a covenant (a promise) with Noah that there would be no flood to destroy creation again. The sign of that covenant is the rainbow.* | *Mary is a role model for us because of her faith and her total obedience to God. Mary’s ‘yes’ at the Annunciation tells us that God’s son, Jesus, had an earthly mother and came into the world as we all do.*  *Elizabeth recognised that Mary had been favoured by God (link to the first lines of the Hail Mary). God in his goodness gave Elizabeth a child, despite her advanced years. For God, nothing is impossible.*  *The angels shared the Good News of Jesus’ birth with the shepherds. They were the first to visit the baby Jesus. Shepherds were considered unclean, and yet the news of Jesus’ birth is shared with them. Jesus has come for all humanity, especially the poor, the weak, the lost. Everyone is welcomed into God’s Kingdom.* | *God revealed himself to Abraham. He made a covenant with Abraham that he would be the Father of a great nation. Abraham trusted in God and showed him great loyalty. He was tested but remained faithful.*  *Miriam watched over her brother, Moses, to ensure he was safe. She supported him in his mission later in life also.*  *Moses was tasked with leading the people of God out of slavery to the Promised Land. Moses was afraid, but he trusted in God and knew God would be by his side. God called Moses to bring his people back into the covenant relationship.*  *Daniel was very courageous. He continued to pray to God even though everyone around him prayed to many gods. He suffered at the hands of jealous men in the court of the king, but he remained faithful to God, trusted in him, and put his life in God’s hands. God saved him from the jaws of the lions.* | *God’s promises to us are fulfilled through the Incarnation. Mary’s ‘yes’ at the Annunciation tells us that God’s son, Jesus, had an earthly mother and came into the world as we all do.*  *Joseph too showed that he trusted in God. He accepted God’s will and took Mary into his home.*  *The shepherds were the first to visit the baby Jesus. Shepherds were shunned in Jewish society. They were considered unclean, and yet the news of Jesus’ birth is shared with them. Jesus has come for all humanity, especially the poor, the weak, the lost. Everyone is welcome in God’s Kingdom.*  *The visit of the men from the East again shows us that Jesus came to save everyone – not just the Jewish people.* |
| Recognise key people in the local, national and universal Church |  |  |  |  |
| Describe different roles of some people in the local, national and universal Church |  |  |  |  |
| Recognise religious beliefs | *The creation stories in the Bible tell us theological truths about the origins of the universe: God created everything, and all he created is good, God made us imago Dei (in his image), we are the pinnacle of God’s creation and must be stewards of it for God.*  *God created us out of love and for love (love for God and love for neighbour)*  *We are created as free individuals with the ability to choose right from wrong.*  *Original sin is the sin we are born into because we have “lost our original intimacy (paradise) with God” (YCforK p39)*  *(NB: Jesus has broken the power of sin to separate us from God.)* | *Mary is a figure of obedient faith. She was completely open to God’s will for her life. When the Angel Gabriel announces she will become the mother of God, she answers, “let it be done to me according to your Word”.*  *The birth of Jesus is Good News for us all. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God – he is divine but took on human flesh and became human – fully human and fully divine (not part and part!). God reveals himself to us fully through Jesus. Jesus came down to earth from heaven as a mediator between heaven and earth. God sent his only son to suffer and die so that we might be saved and reconciled with the Father in heaven. Jesus is the new Adam* | *We are all chosen by God, and we are all called to belong to the new People of God.*  *God calls people throughout our faith history to bring humanity back to God after the fall (after humans disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden).*  *Abraham recognised the one true God and shunned the many false gods worshipped at that time. God invited Abraham into a covenant relationship. Moses too recognised God in the burning bush and Daniel refused to abandon God, he shunned idolatry and stayed faithful to God.*  *We are called into a covenant relationship with God. We are called to love God, to follow his will, to be faithful to God and to put our trust in him.* | *God is a mystery. However, when we talk about God as mystery, we need to be clear about our meaning of mystery. God is not a puzzle to be solved. God is a mystery because he is so closely interwoven into who we are. And, because of God’s closeness to us, it is impossible to understand who God is, though it is our instinct to try. All language to describe God is inadequate. God as Trinity, a loving relationship, as happens between persons, is perhaps the best and least inadequate way to talk about God. This is because we are told that “God is love” (1 John 4:8). God is perfect self-gift – the total giving of self to the other.* |
| Recognise that people act in a particular way because of their beliefs | *We ask God to help us to always make the right decisions, to show love for God and for neighbour, not to be selfish and turn our back on God or people in need.* | *We pray the Hail Mary.*  *We prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas during Advent.*  *We try to be obedient to God as Mary was. She is a role model for us.* | *We pray prayers of thanksgiving for God’s love for us.*  *Knowing that God has called us to fulfill a special task he has given to no one else, we trust that God is with us, helping us to live a good life, even when life is difficult or hard.* | *We can explore the Mystery of God through experience. God the Father is the Creator and the source of pure love. We can sense God’s presence and experience God’s majesty through the created world.*  *Jesus is the Word made flesh. We come to know who Jesus is through the Gospels and he comes to us in the Church and in the Eucharist. We can have a personal relationship with Jesus who walks alongside us. Through him we can experience the pure love of God.*  *The Holy Spirit is the ongoing activity of that love. The Spirit dwells within us. The Spirit inspires us, guides us, and gives us strength. The Spirit is the living source of our faith.*  *It is also important to explore Trinity through the liturgy. The mystery of the Trinity is revealed to us as we reflect in faith on the deepest meaning of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus: through the mysteries of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost.* |
| Describe some of the actions and choices of believers that arise because of their belief | *Introduce Catholic Social Teaching (CST), especially Stewardship and the preferential option for the poor. This is faith in action. We are called to hear ‘the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor’ (Laudato Si, Pope Francis)* | *We honour Mary, our Mother, and ask her to intercede for us, confident her son, Jesus, will listen to her as he did at Cana. Mary loves us as a mother loves her children and she prays for us.*  *Mary is a role model for the Church because of her obedience and faith in God. We pray that we will have the courage to say ‘yes’ to God also.*  *We celebrate the season of Advent, remembering that Jesus has already come into our lives, but we also wait in hope for Jesus’ second coming, when God’s promise of salvation for all in heaven and on earth will be fulfilled.*  *We share the Good News of God’s love for us with everyone we meet.*  *We show our love for God and for others through our words and our actions.* | *Prayer is essential for our relationship with God. We can talk to God, our friend, through prayer, and ask for his help whenever we are in trouble. We pray prayers of thanksgiving too, to thank God for all the good things he gives us and for the times he has helped us when we are in need.*  *We recognise that we are all God’s children, loved by God, and so help those who are in need as we are called to do by God.* | *We prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas during Advent.*  *We pray that we can show love for God always and that we can love one another as God loves us. We pray that we can bring joy to others as God brings joy into our lives. We pray for peace in our hearts, in our lives and we pray that we can bring peace to others.*  *We hope that Jesus will return. When we pray the Our Father we pray, ‘Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven’.* |
| Recognise religious signs and symbols used in worship, including the celebration of the Sacraments. |  | *We join our prayers with the prayers of Mary, Our Lady in heaven, when we say the Hail Mary.* | *We join the Christian family through baptism.*  *We profess our faith in God when we say the Creed.* | *The Advent wreath and the crib remind of us of the Incarnation and help us to prepare for the coming of Christ.* |
| Describe some religious symbols and the steps involved in religious actions and worship, including the celebration of the Sacraments. |  | *We often pray the Hail Mary at Mass after the Prayers of Intercession have been said.* | *We pray to God each day. We ask God to be with us. We ask God to help us live a good life. We trust in God that he loves us and will never leave us. We thank God for his abundant love and mercy.* | *When we make the sign of the cross, we honour the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We confirm our belief that God is three persons in one, The Trinity.*  *An Advent wreath is used to help us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. A candle is lit each week as we near the celebration of the Incarnation, the Light of the World coming into our lives, the light in the darkness.* |