

YEAR 4 OVERVIEW OF TOPICS

Topic 1 People	Topic 2 Called	Topic 3 Gift	TERM 1
Topic 4 Community	Topic 5 Giving & Receiving	Topic 6 Self Discipline	TERM 2
Topic 7 New Life	Topic 8 Building Bridges	Topic 9 God's People	TERM 3
Other Faiths	Hinduism	Judaism	

The Themes taught each term

Come and See is developed through three themes They are:

- Church,
- Sacrament and
- Christian living.

The basic question belief for each season time is explored through three kinds of themes.

- Community of faith
- Church Celebration in ritual
- Sacraments Way of life Christian Living

Church

The Church themes occur in each season time and each theme gradually builds on the understanding of the previous theme.

1. AUTUMN TERM – My story ~ my family ~ **Domestic Church**. To start the year *Come and See* begins with my story: within a **family**. The Church honours the family with the title Domestic Church because it is there that parents 'by their word and example are the first (teachers) heralds of faith with regard to their children.'

2. SPRING TERM – Our story ~ local Community ~ **Local Church**. After Christmas the children explore the theme of local Church which is our story. The **parish** is where people gather together to celebrate and practice care and love for each other. The **diocese** is the community of the Christian faithful.

3. SUMMER TERM – The story ~ the worldwide community ~ **Universal Church**. The year finishes with the story of the **worldwide** community; the universal Church. In the Church, God is calling together his people throughout the world.' 'The order and harmony of the created world result from the diversity of beings and from the relationships that exist among them'

Sacrament

The Sacramental themes occur once in every season time and each theme gradually builds on the understanding of the previous theme.

1. AUTUMN TERM – Belonging ~ born into Christ's life. Following on from an understanding of belonging to a family the theme of **Baptism** introduces the understanding of being initiated into belonging to the Christian Church during key stage 'The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life.' At key stage 2

children will learn about the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, whereby the baptised are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit, the Sacrament of **Ordination** for the service of the Church and the Sacrament of **Marriage**, perfecting the human love of wife and husband.

2. SPRING TERM – Relating ~ God’s love in our lives ~ **Eucharist**. In the Spring time after learning about the local Church community, the Sacrament of the **Eucharist** is explored. This is the Sacrament of communion with Christ and the Church. This sacrament is at the heart of Come and See since it is at the heart of Christ nourishing his people.

3. SUMMER TERM – inter-relating ~ service to the community ~ **Reconciliation**. The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** forms part of the work of the summer time when there an opportunity to learn about the joy and challenge of relationships and God’s love and mercy celebrated in this sacrament. At key stage 2 children will learn about the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**, which strengthens, forgives and unites the ailing person more closely to Christ.

Christian living

The **Christian living** themes occur in each season time and each theme gradually builds on the understanding of the previous theme.

1. AUTUMN TERM – loving – celebrating life – **Advent Christmas**. The **Advent – Christmas** theme considers the gift of God’s love in Jesus. Christmas and our preparation celebrate the wonderful gift of Jesus and offers the witness of loving as a way of life. ‘The Word became flesh so that we might know God’s love.’

2. SPRING TERM – giving – the cost of life –. In the Spring season Lent **and Easter** are explored, Jesus’ love for humankind knows no limit. Jesus offered his life and gave an example of giving as a way of life. ‘Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the feast of feasts.’ ‘The Resurrection ... remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something which transcends and surpasses history.’

3. SUMMER TERM – serving in love – feasts to celebrate – Pentecost. The study of the Ascension and Pentecost completes the Easter story and shows how the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens the community and enables Christians to give witness to a life of joyful service. ‘In this age of the Church, Christ now lives and acts in and with his Church, in a new way appropriate to this new age.’