

Overview of Year 1 - The Branches

BRANCH	Scripture & Focus
Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant The season of Creation	Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26 - The Creation Story We will learn that the Church teaches us that all things come from God. God is our Father, God loves us. We will learn that through prayer we draw closer to God, and that the church prays the Creed to worship God and pray to him. We will learn that God wants us to love and care for the world and each other because it is his gift to us.
Branch 2 - Prophecy and Promise The season of Advent	Luke 1:26-38, focussing on 1:26-32, 38 - The Annunciation Luke 1:39-45 - The Visitation Luke 2:4-8 - The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:8 - 20 - The Visit of the Shepherds We will learn that because God loves us, he gave us his only Son Jesus. We will learn that God called Mary to be Jesus' mother, and that the Angels being God's message. We will hear and join in with the Hail Mary and sing the first phrase of the Gloria. We will learn how Catholics around the world show honour to Mary and how they celebrate the birth of Jesus.
Branch 3 - Galilee to Jerusalem The season of Christmas; Ordinary Time	Luke 2:22 - 38 - The Presentation Luke 2:41-52 - Finding the temple and the hidden life Luke 4:16-22 - Jesus announces his mission Luke 5:1-11 - The call of the Disciples Luke 18:15-17 - Little Children Luke 19:1-9 - Zacchaeus We will learn that Jesus grows up and reveals the love of the Father to us, some people recognise that he is the Son of God. We learn that Jesus is the 'light to all nations'. We will learn about Candlemas which is a celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus. We will learn that all Christians are called to follow Jesus and share the Good news with others. We learn that Christians are called to take care of each other, especially those most in need.
Branch 4 - Desert to Garden The season of Lent	Luke 19:28-38 - Jesus enters Jerusalem Luke 19:47-48 - Jesus teachers in the temple Luke 21:1-6 - The Widow's mite Luke 22:7-23 - The Last Supper Luke 23:33-46 - The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus Luke 24:1-8 - The Angel's Message Luke 4:1-13 - Jesus tempted in the desert We will learn that Lent is a special time for praying, fasting and helping others as Jesus taught us to. We will learn that Jesus died and rose again. We will learn some simple words and actions from Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. We will learn that fasting, praying and giving to others are ways of following Jesus' example.
Branch 5 - Ends of the Earth The season of Easter - Pentecost	Luke 24:13-35 - The Road to Emmaus Acts 1:1-11 - The Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension Acts 2:1-4 - Pentecost We will learn that when people open their hearts to the Holy Spirit they are changed just like the apostles. We will learn the mission of the Church begins at Pentecost. We will learn that the Church celebrates the Ascension and Pentecost on special days of celebration. We will learn the 'Glory Be' prayer. We will learn how Pentecost is celebrated in another part of the world.

Branch 6 -
Dialogue & Encounter
Explore teaching and
learning about other
Christian Denominations

We will learn that the Church teaches that the Church is a community for all who belong to Christ.
We learn that the cross is a symbol of Christianity and that the sign of the cross is a summary of the Catholic faith.
We will learn about our local parish community and our church Holy Rosary.
We will learn about some aspects of modern Jewish life in Britain, including some specific vocabulary.
We will learn about the Torah as a special text which contains stories of Jewish people's history and is a guide for Jewish life.

