Religious Studies

Year 7

Half Term 1 (Eight weeks)

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| Number of Hours | Topic – Community |
| 2 | Introduction and welcome |
| 2 | Community |
| 2 | School Community and Mission Statement |
| 2 | St. Anthony |
| 2 | Catherine McAuley |
| 2 | The Sisters of Mercy |
| 2 | The Mercy Tradition |
| 2 | Why join the Mercy Tradition? |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| Pupils have joined St. Anthony’s from numerous primary schools. This half term unit of work gives all pupils a grounding in the history of St. Anthony’s and the Mercy Tradition as well as chance for pupils to reflect on their own role in the school community. | |

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Half Term 2 (Seven Weeks)

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| Number of Hours | Topic – Christian beliefs |
| 2 | Christian denominations |
| 2 | Basic Christian beliefs |
| 2 | The Bible |
| 2 | The Old and New Testament |
| 2 | Sources of Wisdom and Authority for Catholics |
| 2 | Different Christian beliefs about the Bible |
| 2 | Christmas and the Bible |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| These topics give pupils a grouding in some of the basic beliefs held by Christians. The unit of work covers the different groups within Christianity, divergent views on things like the Bible and other sources of wisdom and authority for Catholics. | |

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Half Term 3 (Six Weeks)

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| Number of Hours | Topic – Judaism |
| 2 | Introduction to Judaism |
| 2 | The Messiah |
| 2 | The Covenant with Abraham |
| 2 | The Covenant with Moses |
| 2 | Mitzvots – Food and Sanctity of Life |
| 2 | Jewish holy books |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| Christianity has its roots in Judaism. Having looked at some of the basics of the Christian faith in the last topic, studying Judaism in this topic gives pupils further knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith, where beliefs originate from and the similairities and differences Christians and Jews have as well as the religion that Jesus experienced. | |

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Half Term 4 (Six Weeks)

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| Number of Hours | Topic - Jesus |
| 2 | What did Jesus look like? |
| 2 | The historical Jesus |
| 2 | The Gospels |
| 2 | The Incarnation |
| 2 | Son of God |
| 2 | Different religious views on Jesus |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| This topic gives pupils information about Jesus Christ. The topic gives pupils knowledge and understanding of the person of Jesus, what Catholics believe about Him as well as allowing pupils to evaluate their own beliefs about Him. Beliefs about Jesus are at the heart of Catholicism. | |

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Half Term 5 (Six Weeks)

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| Number of Hours | Topic – Jesus and others |
| 2 | Jesus and Ethnic minorities |
| 2 | Jesus and the poor |
| 2 | Jesus and the elderly |
| 2 | Jesus and prisoners |
| 2 | Jesus and women |
| 2 | Jesus and sinners |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| Having looked at the life and teachings of Jesus in the previous topic, pupils now look at how His teachings influence us today. Linking to the Mercy Tradition, pupils will reflect on how Jesus’ teachings are carried out today e.g. looking at the work of the SVP. They are also given opprtunites to reflect on their own role in school and society, and how they can carry out Jesus’ teachings. | |

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Half Term 6 (Six Weeks)

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| Number of Hours | Topic - The Northern Saints |
| 2 | How did Christianity come to England? |
| 2 | St. Aidan |
| 2 | St. Cuthbert |
| 2 | St. Hilda |
| 2 | St. Bede |
| 2 | Reflection on what has been learnt this year |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| To finish the year, pupils look at how the message of Jesus arrived in England. They gain knowledge and understanding of some of the key Northern Saints, the difficulties they had in spreading the Good News and what we can learn from them today in continuing to live out the Gospel message (as looked at in the previous topic). | |