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| **Term** | **Theme & Overview** | **Revelation** | **The Church** | **Celebration** | **Life in Christ** |
| **1**  **The Kingdom of God** | Where is the Kingdom of God?  • Is it for everyone?  • What is it like?  • What are the values of the Kingdom?  • What do we have to do in order to be in the  Kingdom of God?  • What can we do for the Kingdom?  Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11, 28-31,  Psalms 23, 136, Matthew  5: 1-12, 44-48, Luke 15: 11-  32, John 15: 9-14,  Ephesians 4: 26, 31-3  **Big Question: Do you have to earn love?** | How Jesus spoke of  God, his Father and the Holy Spirit.  The Bible |  | Words and images Jesus  used to express communion  (e.g. I am the vine and you  are the branches)  Prayer in the life of Jesus. | Accounts in Scripture of God’s  Invitations and a variety of responses respect for community values  and life of other cultures and  other religious communities. |
| **2**  **Justice** | Advent  • What is justice?  • Give an example of someone who has spoken  out against injustice.  • Give an example of someone who works for  justice.  • Why is Christmas important for us?  • What do you know about the mystery of the  Incarnation?  Isaiah 35: 9-10, 62: 11-  12, Mark 1: 1-5, John 1:  14-18, 1 Cor 1: 8-9, 16:  13-14  **Big Question: What is commitment in life?** | The Bible | God’s call to individuals and their different responses. | Their freedom to choose and  responsibility to choose the good. | The joy and challenge of and the giving and receiving in relationships.  The joys and challenges that  freedom and responsibility  bring.  Respect for community values.  The motives and emotions which influence choices.  The Christian values which  inform love of neighbour and  oneself.  The Christian values which  inform love of neighbour and oneself. |
| **3**  **Exploring the Mass** | • What is the New Covenant Jesus made with us?  • How can we live-out our part in this New  Covenant?  • What are two of the most important parts of the  Mass?  • Explain how going to Mass can help us live our  lives more fully.  • What is the Blessed Sacrament?  Bible, Romans 15: 4-6  **Big Question: Are books enriching?** | The Bible. | Ways of taking part in the life and worship of the domestic and local Church (e.g. celebrating Eucharist, prayer for others, parish  activities)  The life of the Church in other parts of the world (e.g. customs and traditions, universal saints)  key images of the Church used in  Scripture and Tradition; the implications of this imagery  for community life. | Sunday as a significant day  in the life of the local Church.  Elements of sacramental  celebrations (e.g. blessing, exchanging greetings, praise) | Accounts in Scripture of God’s  Invitations and a variety of responses.  Respect for community values. |
| **4**  **Jesus, the Messiah** | Lent  Easter story  • How do we know that Jesus is truly God and  truly human?  • Why did Jesus make a New Covenant with us?  • Why did some of the Jewish authorities not like  Jesus?  • When Jesus was arrested, couldn’t he have  worked a miracle and escaped?  • Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?  John 6: 35, 37, 51, 60,  67-68, John 11: 1-43,  12: 24-25, 19: 16-21,  25-30, 38-42, John  **Big Question: Can any good come out of**  **loss and death?** | Key imagery that speaks of God in the  Old Testament and the Gospels.  The Bible. | God’s call to individuals and their different responses.  Ways of taking part in the life and worship of the domestic and local Church (e.g. celebrating Eucharist, prayer for others, parish  activities)  The life and growth of the first  Christian communities (e.g. Paul, Stephen)  The teaching role of the apostles (e.g. through New Testament letters); | Sunday as a significant day  in the life of the  local Church.  Signs and symbols and their  significance in liturgy.  The Sacrament of the Sick.  Prayer in the life of Jesus;  the prayer Jesus taught his  friends (Our Father)  and its significance. | The Gospel message that Jesus  brings fullness of life for all people: the Beatitudes;  the suffering, death and  resurrection of Jesus as a sign of love, sacrifice and  the source of new life. |
| **5**  **The Transforming Spirit** | Pentecost  • What was the mission that Jesus gave to the  Apostles?  • What happened at Pentecost?  • How did the Holy Spirit help the Apostles?  • What happened to Saul on the road to  Damascus? What can we learn from this event?  • Who are the successors of St. Peter?  John 6: 35, 37, 51, 60,  67-68, John 11: 1-43, 12:  24-25, 19: 16-21, 25-30, 38-42, John 20: 1-8  **Big Question: What do I want to witness in my life?** | The Gospel accounts of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the  transformation of the disciples.  God’s call to individuals and their  different responses.  The ways Jesus proclaimed Good  News to everyone he met and the variety of responses made. | The gifts of the Holy Spirit which are given to individuals and groups for the service of the whole community. |  | The joy and challenge of and the giving and  receiving in relationships.  The joys and challenges that  freedom and responsibility  bring.  The motives and emotions which influence choices.  The Christian values which  inform love of neighbour and oneself. |
| **6**  **Called to Serve &**  **Other Faiths** | • What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?  • How does the sacrament help a person who  receives it?  • Give two examples of some people who have  received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.  • What is the Sacrament of Marriage?  • Who is the most inspirational person you have  studied? Why?  Micah 6: 8,  Matthew 5: 1-17,  25: 31-40,  Luke 4: 4-22  **Big Question: How can we work together**  **to build a just and fair world?** |  | Respect for the writings and holy people of the Jewish faith and other religions. | Some ways people enter  into the communion of the Church.  The rites of Matrimony and  Confirmation and the response they invite  Be able to name the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony and to explain their  significance in their own  words;  Ways in which love and  commitment are important  in human life. | Accounts in Scripture of God’s  Invitations and a variety of responses respect for community values  and life of other cultures and  other religious communities.  Respect for community values  and life of other cultures and  other religious communities.  The joy and challenge of and the giving and receiving in relationships.  The joys and challenges that  freedom and responsibility  bring.  The motives and emotions which influence  choices;  The diversity and richness of  Creation.  ( this is my body)  The Christian values which  inform love of  neighbour and oneself |