

## God Matters – Holy Week

Year	Rationale (Aims and purpose of unit)
F2	<p>This unit should enable pupils to listen and interact with stories about the events which led up to Easter. The pupils will need lots of dialogue and opportunities to sequence the events of Holy Week.</p> <p><b>Jesus died for us and we make the Sign of the Cross to remember him and what he did.</b></p>
Y1	<p>This unit introduces more detail about the events of Holy Week. It should enable pupils to explore all the things that Jesus did for us. It highlights the importance of the Last Supper and introduces the Stations of the Cross as a prayer. Focus should be on discussion, dialogue and sequencing the events. Connection between these events and the prayer life of the Church should also be made.</p> <p><b>Jesus gave himself freely to save us. At the Last Supper he makes present his life, death and resurrection.</b></p>
Y2	<p>This unit introduces further work on the Stations of the Cross as a prayer. this enables pupils to reflect on the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus and begin to develop the skills of empathy by considering Holy Week events through the eyes of Mary.</p> <p>The multi-faith element looks at the Jewish Passover.</p> <p><b>Jesus suffered, died and rose again for us.</b></p>
Y3	<p>This unit should support all the other work throughout the year for pupils about to make their first Holy Communion. It should place the Last Supper in with events of Holy Week. There is a particular focus on the last supper because of its connection with the Mass. Pupils should have many opportunities to discuss, visualise and understand the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper and look at the words and actions of the priest at Mass.</p> <p>The multi-faith element looks at the Jewish Passover.</p> <p><b>Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist in a unique and incomparable way.</b></p>
Y4	<p>Further detail is added to the events of Holy Week with a particular focus on the change in mood that occurred during the week, from the events of Palm Sunday to the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday. When considering the role of the Pharisees, it is important to emphasise the positive role they played in Jewish society and that it was only 'some Pharisees', along with other people, who disliked Jesus.</p> <p><b>Jesus died to redeem our sins.</b></p>
Y5	<p>Building on previous knowledge of Holy Week this unit provides a particular focus on Christ driving the traders from the temple. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore what part this played in the events of Holy Week and what it tells us about Jesus.</p> <p><b>The events of Holy Week show Jesus fulfilling all aspects of the Father's will.</b></p>
Y6	<p>This unit revises and further builds on the pupils' understanding of Holy Week, with a particular focus on what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane and the denial of Peter.</p> <p>These events emphasise how Jesus fulfilled the will of the Father. The importance of prayer at all times, but particularly in Holy Week, is highlighted.</p>

<p>The events also show how Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures of the Old Testament. <b>By dying on the cross Jesus did what God the Father wanted and he overcame death.</b></p>
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