



Holy Cross Parent RE Newsletter

*One School Family, Achieving Together,
Anchored in the Love of Christ*



Our first RE topic is: **Creation**

Through our first RE unit, Creation, we will explore God as creator of all, and our response to the world He created. We will think about how God works through His people to protect His creation, and how we are all responsible for looking after God's creation – our world and everything in it.



In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, "Let there be light" — and light appeared.

Genesis 1:1-3

How to help at home

To help your child understand further, you may wish to read the Creation Story with them at home, or you could watch the story online:

- Genesis 1:1-31
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>



Our main themes in the Creation topic are different for each year group. We will learn:

Saint Jude Class (YR): How God is seen as the creator of all that we see around us, and about the idea of giving thanks for this. We will learn that us, our talents and gifts are God-given. We will understand that we have special signs to show we give God praise, and that we can find out about God from the Bible.

Saint Mary Class (Y1&2): To develop an appreciation of ourselves and the world around us, as part of God's creation. We will learn that our response to His creation is to give praise, and that church is a place of prayer, and praise as well.

Saint John Class (Y3): We will begin to discover how we are called to be part of God's creation, though the calling of the disciples. We explore that, through baptism, we are called and our parents respond on our behalf.

Saint Teresa Class (Y4): We explore the concept that we are made 'in the image and likeness of God', and because God is in all of us, we are called to respect and value all. We learn that in valuing and respecting similarities and differences in everyone, we can be united together and give dignity to all.

Saint Veronica Class (Y5): We will explore how we become co-creators by studying the two creation stories found in Genesis. We will develop an understanding of what it means to be the People of God as expressed by St Paul and the Beatitudes.

Saint Michael Class (Y6): Following on from Y5, we learn what it means to be the People of God through the eyes of Moses. We explore the need to follow God's law, and by upholding the ten commandments, we uphold the will of God, which includes often making sacrifices.