SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

# Religious Education Language Continuum

*The vocabulary our children are taught, branch by branch · 2026–27*

*Vocabulary is specified in every branch and falls into two kinds. Substantive vocabulary names people, beliefs, practices, Scripture and theological concepts. Disciplinary vocabulary names how theologians think, talk and write. Both are displayed, taught explicitly in the teaching input, and expected in discussion and written outcomes — they are never left on the working wall unused.*

| Year | Autumn term | Spring term | Summer term |
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| **Reception**<br>**First encounters** | Creation & Covenant / Prophecy & Promise<br>God, Bible, Creation, stewardship, prayer, family, Baptism, human dignity, image, Mary, Gabriel, Bethlehem, shepherds, Advent, Christmas | Galilee to Jerusalem / Desert to Garden<br>Bethlehem, Jerusalem, gold, frankincense, myrrh, Sea of Galilee, miracle, charity, Samaritan, Lent, Ash Wednesday, fast, palm, Last Supper, Cross, Resurrection, Alleluia | To the Ends of the Earth / Dialogue & Encounter<br>Ascension, Holy Spirit, Pentecost, apostles, solidarity, Good News, church, Christian, communion, common good, Peter, Pope, Paul, priest, Shabbat, Kiddush, Havdalah, madrasa, mosque |
| **Year 1**<br>**Creation, prayer & care** | Creation & Covenant / Prophecy & Promise<br>God, Creation, Bible, Creator, prayer, creed, Father, Our Father, Pope Francis, Laudato Si', common home, Annunciation, Mary, Visitation, Hail Mary, Nativity, shepherds, Gloria | Galilee to Jerusalem / Desert to Garden<br>Presentation, Simeon, Anna, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Temple, mission, Good News, disciples, Zacchaeus, Ash Wednesday, Lent, temptation, fasting, Palm Sunday, Hosanna, Passover, Last Supper, Crucifixion, Resurrection | To the Ends of the Earth / Dialogue & Encounter<br>Emmaus, disciples, Ascension, apostles, Pentecost, Holy Spirit, mission, Good News, Glory Be, Christian, parish, CAFOD, Torah, synagogue, mezuzah, Muslim, Qur'an, Arabic, mosque, mihrab |
| **Year 2**<br>**Promise, stewardship & Baptism** | Creation & Covenant / Prophecy & Promise<br>Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, psalm, Noah, covenant, stewardship, Laudato Si', sin, sacrament, Baptism, Isaiah, Immanuel, prophet, prophecy, Annunciation, Holy Spirit, Magnificat, Advent | Galilee to Jerusalem / Desert to Garden<br>wise men, gold, frankincense, myrrh, John the Baptist, baptism, miracle, disciple, parable, forgiveness, sin, temptation, reconciliation, Sacrament of Reconciliation, conscience, Examination of Conscience, Kyrie Eleison, mercy, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Easter Vigil Mass | To the Ends of the Earth / Dialogue & Encounter<br>Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Spirit, Saul, conversion, Fruits of the Holy Spirit, prayer, symbol, Jerusalem, Jericho, Samaritan, Mission Together, tzedakah, Shabbat, kippah, tallit, Salah, Zakat, Wudu, mihrab, qibla |
| **Year 3**<br>**Image of God & dignity** | Creation & Covenant / Prophecy & Promise<br>Creation, Genesis, image and likeness, human dignity, Catholic Social Teaching, common good, solidarity, Laudato Si', ecological virtues, Mass, liturgy, Eucharist, Liturgy of the Word, lectionary, homily, Creed, prophet, Advent | Galilee to Jerusalem / Desert to Garden<br>To be added when the Branch 3-4 overviews are supplied. | To the Ends of the Earth / Dialogue & Encounter<br>To be added when the Branch 5-6 overviews are supplied. |
| **Year 4**<br>**Covenant & virtues** | Creation & Covenant / Prophecy & Promise<br>Abraham, Sarah, covenant, Isaac, sacrifice, trust, faith, hope, love, virtue, John the Baptist, prophet, Elijah, Messiah, Advent, Jesse Tree, Christ the King, Creed, Second Coming of Jesus | Galilee to Jerusalem / Desert to Garden<br>To be added when the Branch 3-4 overviews are supplied. | To the Ends of the Earth / Dialogue & Encounter<br>To be added when the Branch 5-6 overviews are supplied. |
| **Year 5**<br>**Law, covenant & happiness** | Creation & Covenant / Prophecy & Promise<br>Moses, covenant, Ten Commandments, Greatest Commandment, common good, human dignity, solidarity, sin, conscience, virtue, cardinal virtues, Rosary, Samuel, David, anointing, shepherd, psalm, Advent, antiphon | Galilee to Jerusalem / Desert to Garden<br>To be added when the Branch 3-4 overviews are supplied. | To the Ends of the Earth / Dialogue & Encounter<br>To be added when the Branch 5-6 overviews are supplied. |
| **Year 6**<br>**Creation, Fall & New Covenant** | Creation & Covenant / Prophecy & Promise<br>Creation, Genesis, aetiology, stewardship, Fall, original sin, free will, covenant, Sacrament of Baptism, Nicene Creed, prophet, salvation history, Mary, Incarnation, Theotokos, Magnificat | Galilee to Jerusalem / Desert to Garden<br>To be added when the Branch 3-4 overviews are supplied. | To the Ends of the Earth / Dialogue & Encounter<br>To be added when the Branch 5-6 overviews are supplied. |

## Disciplinary vocabulary — how theologians think, talk and write

| EYFS & Year 1 | Year 2 – Year 3 | Year 4 – Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| listen, notice, name, recognise, retell, wonder, | recall, describe, sequence, compare, explain, | explain, interpret, connect, reason, justify, | explain, interpret, compare viewpoints, justify, |

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| ask, describe, respond | make links, give reasons, reflect, respond | compare, use evidence, discern, respond | use sources, make connections, reason, discern, respond |

*Precision of language is a core Religious Education skill. Where a pupil says 'God made a promise', the teacher upgrades it in the moment: in RE, the precise theological word may be 'covenant'.*

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