# In the Beginning





# Linking School, Parish and Home

## **Religious Education**

### **Topic Theme: In the Beginning**

This unit is intended as the first for the academic year 2019/2020. This unit focuses on the stories of creation as recorded in Genesis, and the Psalms as a form of prayer.

| Learning opportunities include:  | Monitoring opportunities:   |
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| <ul> <li>Coming to know that God loves each one always and at all times</li> <li>Hearing about God's wonderful world</li> <li>Joining in simple prayers and hymns</li> <li>Forming and experiencing good relationships with peers and with adults in the school community</li> </ul> | Student's development will be monitored through observation and the collection of work samples for their portfolio. |

# **Affective and Spiritual Dispositions**

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of wonder for creation
- A willingness to learn from Scripture
- An appreciation of the truths contained in Scripture
- A sense of the value of prayer

#### Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- Spend time outside with your child, enjoying the beauty and gifts of creation.
- Take care of creation: Plant something, clean up something, water the garden be the gardener in God's garden!

# An idea for prayer at home



#### **Prayer Activity**

Pray with your children at bedtime.

'Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hope and dreams and visions rock of faith and vault of grace, here the love of Christ shall end division, all are welcome in this place!' Amen