

Year 2
Autumn



Signs and Symbols

In this unit we will learn that for Christians, signs and symbols speak of God's mysterious presence in the world and in our lives. Special symbols are called 'sacraments' because they put us in touch in a powerful way with the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus and they point to his continued presence among us today. We will be learning about the signs and symbols used in the sacrament of Baptism.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen

Key Knowledge

- The rite of Baptism
- The signs and symbols used in Baptism; Easter candle, light, font, water, anointing with chrism, white garment.
- The reading of the Word of God.
- That Christians as members of the Church family act in a particular way because they are following the light of Christ.
- The role of parents and God-parents.

Key Vocabulary

white garment: something the baby wears or puts on as a sign of acceptance and belonging to the community of faith. White is a symbol of purity and cleanliness.

Easter Candle: large white candle that is blessed and lit every year at Easter and then used at baptism and on special occasions.

font: a basin, vase, or other receptacle in which water is stored for the Christian ritual of baptism.

chrism: A special oil blessed by the Bishop during Holy Week. The oil is a symbol that the baby has the gift of the Holy Spirit and has been made holy, a special friend of Jesus

sign: something that communicates a brief message. A sign can be a word, a picture, an object or an action.

symbol: A symbol is something **visible**, an object or action, that represents something **invisible** that is difficult to put into words.



Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- How symbols have power to convey meaning.
- Why some symbols are important.
- How Christians maintain the light of Christ in their lives.

