



Freedom and Responsibility –Autumn Term

Introduction to the topic:

If human beings are to live together in relationships, there is always need for reconciliation. Christians believe that, in Jesus Christ, the world has been reconciled to God. Through and in Christ, every human being is offered the power to reach out in forgiveness and peace, to receive and to offer reconciliation.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Christian	Follower of Christ.
Catholic	A Christian faith with slightly different beliefs to other Christian faiths.
The Bible	The central source of authority and teaching for Christians.
Old Testament	46 books that include the time before Jesus.
New Testament	27 books about Jesus and the time after.
Four Gospels	Books written about Jesus by the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Apostle	Means messenger/one who is sent. Sent to deliver the message of Jesus.
Disciple	Learner. A student who learns from a teacher. Christians are disciples of Jesus.
Freedom	The power or right to act, speak or think how you want.
Responsibility	Having control of or being in charge of something.
Exodus	One of the first books in the Bible. Also part of the Torah.
Beatitudes	Blessings listed in the Sermon on the Mount.
Commandment	A rule from God.
Ten Commandments	Important rules from God that tell Christians how to live a good life.
Act of Contrition	A prayer said to say sorry to God for any wrong done.
Sacrament	A religious ceremony or ritual (Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination, Anointing of the sick).
Reconciliation	Becoming friends again.
Sacrament of Reconciliation	A religious ceremony or ritual where Christians say sorry for any wrong they have done and are forgiven by God.

Key Learning and Learning

Know the importance of admitting wrong and being reconciled with God and each other.
 Freedom brings responsibility. Rules allow us to feel safe and happy.
 Retell the story of the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:1-17
 Consider the importance of the commandments in life today and how they enable Christians to be free.
 Know that Christians share parts of the Bible with the Jewish people and that the Shema is a prayer recited twice a day by Jewish people.
 Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. Jesus replied to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. And the second is to love your neighbour as yourself. Mark 12:28-31
 Isaiah tells us that being responsible and making the right choices pleases God. Isaiah 58:3-8
 Jesus went up the mountain and taught the Beatitudes to the people. Matthew 5:1-17
 The Beatitudes are blessings given by Jesus.
 Say how Christians should live their lives based on the Beatitudes.
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation give Christians a Chance to say sorry to God and receive forgiveness.
 The Act of Contrition.

Questions of meaning and purpose:

How can we enjoy freedom with responsibility?
 How can rules bring freedom?
 How can we keep the commandments?
 Why should we?