RE: The Trinity (Christianity)

Year 3 Autumn 2

What is the Trinity?

What should we know?

- You will learn that Christians believe God is Trinity, which means one god as three persons: Father (God), Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.
- That Christians believe The Father creates the Earth; he sends Jesus who saves his people and Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to his followers.
- Christians find that understanding God is difficult; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God.
- Christians really want to try to understand God better and so try to describe God using symbols, similes and metaphors, in song, story, poems and art.



What should we be able to do?

- Explain the difference between a 'Gospel', which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus, and a letter.
- Discuss what texts about baptism and Trinity might mean.
- Give examples of what these texts mean to some Christians today.
- Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship (in baptism and prayer) and in the way they live.
- Make links between some Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity, give some ideas of their own about what the God of Christianity is like.

What words should we be able to understand and be able to use?

Trinity— Trinity, in Christian doctrine, the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead.

Father—God the Father is a title given to God in various religions, most prominently in Christianity. God the Father is regarded as the first person of the Trinity.

Son— the second person of the Trinity in the Christian religion : Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit—God's continued presence on Earth and the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

Gospel—The word gospel comes from the Old English god meaning "good" and spel meaning "news, a story." In Christianity, the term "good news" refers to the story of Jesus Christ's birth, death, and resurrection.

Baptism—Baptism is the Christian spiritual rite of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead or of immersing them in water; this act symbolises purification or renewal and admission in to the Christian Church.