UNITS:

- **The Rosary:** The Happy Stories/Joyful Mysteries: (The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Jesus, The Presentation, Jesus Lost/Found).
- **Saints:** Helpers of the sick and poor (St. Vincent de Paul, St. Martin de Porres, St. Frances Cabrini).
- **Missions:** People in the missions show they love God, as God loves us.
- **Stories of Jesus:** Sometimes things happen and we can feel lost. But when we find Jesus we are happy.
- **Stories of Jesus/Advent:** During Advent we prepare for Christmas by remembering God’s love and celebrating the gifts of Jesus.

**Assessment: The Rosary**

**Main Idea:** Happy Stories (The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Jesus, The Presentation, Jesus Lost/Found).

We hope that the children during this unit will:

- Build upon their knowledge of the Happy stories of the Rosary.
- Begin to make simple connections between their lives and the Happy stories of the Rosary.
- Develop a devotion to Mary through praying the Rosary.

Things your child will learn:

- The Rosary is a special prayer to Mary, the mother of Jesus.
- When we pray the Rosary we remember the happy stories in the lives of Mary and Jesus.
- When we pray the Rosary we say special prayers, such as the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.
- Rosary Beads are special beads which help us pray.
- The Annunciation: God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Mary said ‘Yes’ to God.
- The Visitation: Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, to help her, because she was having a baby too.
- The Birth of Jesus: Mary and Joseph’s baby was special and they named him Jesus.
- The Presentation: Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple for a special blessing and to say thank you to God.
- The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was lost and when they found him they thanked God.

Things your child will do to show what they have learnt:

- Create a Rosary booklet, that includes images and facts about the Happy Stories of the Rosary.
- Make connections with the Happy Stories of the Rosary and their own lives.
- As a class, pray a decade of the Rosary.