

St Joseph and St Theresa

RE Home Learning – Summer 1

Throughout this year, we have been deepening our understanding of Catholic Social Teaching through our work on Building the Kingdom. These teachings, given to us by Jesus, Scripture and the Popes, show us how to live in a way that makes the world a fairer, kinder and more loving place. They guide us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and become builders of God's Kingdom on earth.

Building the Kingdom means using our knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching and our RE learning to put our faith into action – to make a real difference in the world around us.

There are different names for the Catholic Social Teaching principles. Think about the animals we use in school to help us remember them, or use YouTube or CAFOD to find out more:

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/cst-resources-for-children>

Your challenge this half term is to be builders of the Kingdom in your family and community. Teach your family about Catholic Social Teaching and explore what you can do together to make the world around you a better, fairer and more loving place.



Some Ideas:

- Choose a saint known for helping to build God's Kingdom and write a short report. You could research saints like St. Francis of Assisi (care for creation), St. Vincent de Paul (helping the poor), or St. Teresa of Calcutta (solidarity with the suffering). Explain how the saint's life shows Catholic Social Teaching and what you can learn from them.
- Design a poster that illustrates the seven principles of CST. Choose one principle, such as The Common Good or Option for the Poor, and use drawings, pictures, and examples to show how living this principle helps build the Kingdom.
 - Plan and take part in a family action project that reflects CST. This could include collecting food for a food bank, writing letters of thanks to community helpers, reducing waste at home, or visiting an elderly neighbour. Write a reflection about what you did, why it was important, and how it helped bring God's love to others.
- Find a news article about an issue in the world (e.g. homelessness, caring for creation, peace and conflict) and write about how CST principles apply to the situation. What actions could you and your family take to make a difference?

