Overarching Year 2 Theme: How can we live in a relationship with God, each other and creation.

Focus 1: *How can we create a world of peace?* Students look at loving relationships with God, others and creation. They try to recognise choices that harm loving relationships and investigate ways believers seek to heal them through reconciliation. The children investigate the Sacrament of Penance as celebrated in the Church, the act of contrition and Penitential act. (Term 1 – Easter)

Mandated Scripture: Unforgiving Servant, Good Samaritan, Great Commandment, Forgiving Others, Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus

Focus 2: *What do the stories of Jesus mean to our community today?* Students look at the teachings and actions of Jesus in New Testament texts and the mission and ministry of Jesus to bring about the Kingdom of God. They investigate the connections to the way people live in the Church community today and the life and times of Jesus – three worlds of the text.

Mandated Scripture: Jesus heals 2 blind men, Jesus walks on water, Jesus heals a crippled woman.

Focus 3: *How can I share the messages of creation in my world?* People are called to be co-creators and stewards of God's creation. Through the messages of the creation stories we can understand the idea of covenant as a relationship with God, with each other and creation. We can then pursue peace and justice out of respect for human life and all creation.

Mandated Scripture: Creation stories - Genesis 1, 2 and Noah

Focus 4: *How can the story of Abraham and Sarah help us understand covenant?* Students look at God's relationship with the Jewish people as described in Old Testament texts. The Jewish people describe this concept as 'covenant'. Children explore the Abraham and Sarah story in Genesis 17, connecting to the way Jewish people remember covenant and the relationship with God in the world today.

Mandated Scripture: Abraham and Sarah

On-going focus: Prayer and the wisdom of the Saints, meditative prayer