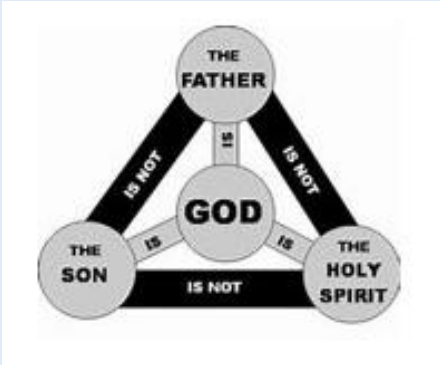


RS	NATURE OF GOD	Year 9	Term 1
<b>1: Omnipotence</b>		<b>2: Benevolence</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Monotheism</b> = Belief in one God</li> <li><b>Omnipotent</b>= God is all-powerful</li> </ul> <p>For Christians, God’s omnipotence can be seen in many ways, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The creation of the universe and humanity</li> <li>“In the beginning God created heaven and earth.” Genesis 1:1</li> <li>The miracles performed by Jesus</li> <li>The resurrection of Jesus</li> <li>“He is risen.” Matthew 28:6</li> </ul> <p><b>Influence</b> on Christians today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awe of the natural world</li> <li>Stewards of God’s creation</li> <li>Christians believe that however bad things may seem in the world, nothing can ultimately defeat God’s power.</li> <li>God has the power to defeat death (judgment day)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Benevolent:</b> God is all-loving and all-good</li> <li><b>Agape</b>= Unconditional love</li> </ul> <p>For Christians, God’s benevolence can be seen in many ways, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The creation of the universe and humanity</li> <li>God sacrificed his own son for humanity,</li> <li>“For God so loved the world that that He gave His one and only Son” John 3:16</li> <li>The Bible teaches that “God is love” 1 John</li> </ul> <p><b>Influence</b> on Christians today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow Jesus’ teaching on being loving (Greatest Commandment)</li> <li>Christians believe that they should act loving towards others</li> <li>Give to charities</li> <li>Pray for forgiveness</li> <li>Feel comforted by God’s love</li> </ul>	
<b>3: Just</b>		<b>4: The Trinity</b>	
<p><b>Just</b>- fair and just judge of humankind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians believe God is fair to all and is a just judge of humankind.</li> <li>Central to God being just is his love and mercy.</li> <li>He forgives those who are truly sorry for their actions.</li> <li><b>Bible:</b> “God is fair and just” Psalms</li> <li><b>Lord’s Prayer:</b> “Our Father”</li> </ul> <p><b>Influence</b> on Christians today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians should be forgiving towards others just as God is.</li> <li>Christians believe God made all humankind equal and expects us to be just in our treatment of others.</li> <li>God will never support injustice, ill-treatment, prejudice or oppression.</li> <li>Christians believe a just God treats people fairly, so they trust God even when things seem to go wrong.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians believe in the one God (monotheism) who is known and worshipped as the Trinity.</li> <li>The three persons of the Trinity are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</li> <li>They are equal persons, yet distinct, in the one God.</li> <li>Evidence of the Trinity: Creation and Jesus’ baptism.</li> </ul> 	
<b>5: The Trinity</b>		<b>6: Influence of the Trinity</b>	
<p><b>God the Father</b>- a loving parent and creator of everything ‘maker of heaven and Earth, of all that is seen and unseen.” –Nicene Creed</p> <p><b>God the Son</b>- became human (incarnated) “For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven...” Nicene Creed &amp; suffered out of love for human sin “And the Word became flesh and lived among us.”</p> <p><b>God the Holy Spirit</b> is the invisible presence of God in the world. known in The Creed as “Lord and giver of life”.</p>		<p><b>Influence</b> on Christians today:</p> <p>Baptisms and marriages are performed in the name of the Trinity.</p> <p>Christians bless themselves by making the sign of the cross and offer prayers “In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”</p> <p>Christians must try to show their fellow human beings the same love and respect that flows between the three Persons of the Trinity.</p>	