

Religious Education Curriculum Overview

| | AUTUMN | | SPRING | | SUMMER | |
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| Oak Why are some things special? | Special times: How and why do we celebrate? What times are special to different people and why? | | Special stories: Why are some stories special? What special messages can we learn from stories? | | Special places: What buildings and places are special to different people? OR What is special about our world? | |
| Year 1 What do people say about God? | Christianity (God) Why do Christians say that God is a 'Father'? God the Father, prayer. | Christianity (Jesus) Why is Jesus special to Christians? The nativity story, beliefs about Jesus as God incarnate, Christmas. | Islam How might beliefs about creation affect the way people treat the world? God as creator, care for the planet. | Judaism Why might some people put their trust in God? God's promise, Noah, Abraham, trusting in God. | Hindu Dharma What do Hindus believe about God? One God in many forms, God in all things, expressing ideas about God. | Christianity (Church) How might some people show that they 'belong' to God? Baptism, belonging. |
| Year 2 How do we respond to the things that really matter? | Christianity (God) Does how we treat the world matter? Creation, care for the planet, Harvest. | Christianity (Jesus) Why do Christians say Jesus is the 'Light of the World'? Jesus as the light of the world, symbolism of light, Advent and Christmas. | Hindu Dharma How might people express their devotion? Devotion, worship in the home and temple. | Islam Why do Muslims believe it is important to obey God? submission and gratitude, prayer. | Christianity (Church) What unites the Christian community? Worship, the church, use of symbols. | Judaism What aspects of life really matter? Moses, Ten Commandments, the Sabbath. |
| Year 3 Who should we follow? | Christianity (God) How (and why) have some people served God? Prophets, service to God, inspirational people. | Islam Why is the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) an example for Muslims? The Prophet. Muhammed (PBUH), Zakah. | Christianity (Jesus) What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Discipleship, following the example of Jesus, helping others. | Christianity (Church) What do Christians mean by the 'Holy Spirit'? The Holy Spirit gifts of the spirit. Pentecost | Sikhism Why are the Gurus important to Sikhs? Guru Nanak The 10 gurus, Baisakhi. | Hindu Dharma Why is family an important part of Hindu life? Religious duty Hindu scriptures (the Ramayana), Raksha Bandhan. |
| Year 4 How should we live our lives? | Hindu Dharma What might a Hindu learn through celebrating Diwali? Vishnu. Rama and Sita. Diwali. | Christianity (God) How and why might Christians use the Bible? The Bible, Christian life – guided by wisdom, teachings and authority. | Sikhism How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values? The 5 Ks, Equality, the Gurdwara. | Christianity (Jesus) Is sacrifice an important part of religious life? Jesus in the wilderness, Lent, Sacrifice. | Islam Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan? The Five Pillars of Islam, Ramadan. | Christianity (Church) What does 'love your neighbour' really mean? Parables, love for all. |
| Year 5 Where do we find guidance about how to live our lives? | Christianity (God) Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing? Sin, Adam and Eve's disobedience, temptation | Islam Why is the Qur'an so important to Muslims? The Qur'an. The Night of Power. | Hindu Dharma What might Hindus learn from stories about Krishna? Krishna, Holi. | Christianity (Jesus) What do we mean by a miracle? Miracles of Jesus, pilgrimage. | Christianity (Church) How do people decide what to believe? The Trinity, use of symbols and metaphors, The Worldwide Church. | Judaism Do people need laws to guide them? The Torah, the synagogue. |
| Year 6 Is life like a journey? | Christianity (Church) How do Christians mark the 'turning points' on the journey of life? Christian rites of passage, denominational differences. | Hindu Dharma Is there one journey or many? Reincarnation, Karma, the 4 ashramas. | Islam What is Hajj and why is it important to Muslims? The Ummah, Hajj. | Christianity (Jesus) Why do Christians believe Good Friday is 'good'? Holy Week, The Eucharist denominational differences. | Buddhism What do we mean by a 'good life'? The Buddha, The Four Noble Truths, The Eightfold path. | Christianity (God) If life is like a journey, what's the destination? Salvation, Forgiveness |