

Religious Education

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high-quality religious education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to learn through a diocese linked curriculum that provides opportunities to reflect, discuss and explore more about the world in which they live in. The curriculum provides children with the knowledge of different religious traditions, celebrations, stories and values. Our RE curriculum pupils develop an understanding of themselves and others as well as respecting differences. Lessons will promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of individuals and communities. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about different world religions.

Christianity



Autumn 1

What does it mean to belong?

Igniting Prior Knowledge:

Year R (*Understanding the World: People, Cultures and Communities*)

- There are similarities and differences between people.
- People have different beliefs
- People celebrate special times in different ways.

Key Vocabulary:

- Christians
- Church
- God
- Symbols
- Cross
- Bible
- Worship
- Faith
- Praying
- Jesus
- Belief
- Community
- Baptism
- Altar
- Font
- pulpit

New Knowledge:

- People are special in different ways. We are all special, because we are all different.
 - Jesus wanted everyone to know that they are loved by God, and they matter to him, because God cares for everyone. Christians believe that people are special because everybody is important to God.
 - Belonging means to be part of a particular group. Christians belong to the religion called Christianity.
 - People can belong to groups that have non-religious world views such as Humanism**
- ** Use this knowledge to make links with Humanism/ non-religious world views.
- Some people hold Christian beliefs and practices.
 - Christians believe that God is a creator who cares for the world.
 - Jesus is the son of God.
 - The church is a building where Christians sing and Church Christians sing, pray and worship. Belonging to the church makes Christians feel as though they are part of a special community; it also makes them feel closer to God.
 - Many churches are built in the shape of a cross.
 - Christians use or wear symbols to show that they belong to Christianity and the church e.g cross, fish, dove or candle. The cross is a symbol of Christianity because Jesus died on a cross. Christian symbols also help Christians to remember important aspects of Christianity.
 - To baptise someone means to become a member of the Christian church. The symbolism of the cross that is made on a baby's head in the context of welcoming a child into the family of God in the church.



Religious & Cultural Diversity