

# 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



## Why do Christians think about Incarnation at Christmas?

Autumn 2

### Igniting Prior Knowledge:

Year 2 (Christianity - Why is the Bible a special book for Christians?)

- The Bible is the Christian holy book, which teaches Christians to be good people. It is divided into the Old and New Testaments.
- The Bible teaches Christians to be good people through stories.

### New Knowledge:

- The nativity story is told in various ways in different bibles. However, each nativity story teaches Christians about Jesus. Over many centuries, the story of the Nativity has changed and developed depending on which culture and people were telling the story. Though, some elements of it have always been included.
- A Christingle is a symbol of advent. It means Christ light. It is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the light of the world. Each part of the Christingle is a symbol of something to Christians.
- Incarnation is an important concept in Christianity, because it means that God lives through Jesus. Christians believe that God became 'one of us' when baby Jesus was born
- Nativity sets, stories and images will look different, depending on their country of origin
- Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday (incarnation) and is celebrated in a variety of ways around the world. However, in all countries, the story of Jesus' birth, called the nativity, is often retold by children in nativity plays and nativity scenes/ models. Church services often include a carol service.
- Christmas carols deliver messages about Jesus and his birth – making Christians. Think more deeply about incarnation.
- People with non-religious world views will sing Christmas songs to celebrate Christmas.\*\*

\*\* Use this knowledge to make links with Humanism/ non-religious world views.

- During the national lockdown, many of the Christian services such as Midnight Mass and Christingle were streamed on Zoom.



### Key Vocabulary:

- Incarnation
- Concept
- Christingle



Religious & Cultural Diversity