

Academic



Religious Studies

There have been a number of interesting and stimulating visits this year: Year 3 visited Mountfield Church and discovered how churches were used throughout history. The pupils learnt how services are held today and saw a number of religious artefacts used for everyday worship. Year 5 made their annual pilgrimage to Canterbury where they visited the Cathedral and saw where Thomas Beckett was brutally murdered. The children saw a film about the life of Beckett and his conflict with Henry II and were given a conducted tour of the Cathedral. This trip is a particularly memorable one and helps the children with their understanding of pilgrimage and the potential for conflict between monarch and church.

The syllabus is a wide ranging one and the main aim is to develop the children's understanding and knowledge of the important people and beliefs underpinning the major world religions and encourage the children to question the world around them, learning the importance of tolerance and respect for others' beliefs and viewpoints. The 'classic' stories and accounts of the Old and New Testaments are studied as set out in the ISEB syllabus and the children also learn about other world religions, again as set out in the Common Entrance syllabus. This allows the children to maintain a broad outlook on life without compromising their own faith or the underlying Christian ethos of the school.

Assemblies this term have been on a variety of themes sometimes taken from the Bible, such as an 'interesting' re-enactment of Nebuchadnezzar and the fiery furnace, sometimes from school life and sometimes from the wider world. The aim is always to encourage and support the children in their daily lives.



Church visit