

Curriculum. Religious Studies

Year 5

In the Fifth year we continue the study of the Old Testament stories of God's people and their great leaders. We then study Judaism in today's world. We go on a Christian pilgrimage to Canterbury cathedral. Continuing the theme of pilgrimage we study another world religion, Islam.

Michaelmas Term

1. The arrival of the Israelites in Egypt as a result of famine in Canaan.
2. The birth of Moses, his upbringing and his escape into the desert.
3. God's call to Moses to lead His people.
4. The 10 plagues, Passover and Exodus from Egypt crossing the Red Sea.

1. Using the Biblical Passover story a study of Judaism today is made, including the One God, the Founders of Judaism and a brief study of the Torah.
2. The Jewish Festival of Light – Hannukah.

Lent Term

Judaism continued.

1. The Synagogue as a place of worship and teaching.
2. Shabbat, the Sabbath and its significance to Jewish people.
3. Right and wrong with reference to the Ten Commandments.

Returning to the Old Testament:

5. The experiences of the Israelites with Moses in the wilderness.
6. Moses receives the Ten Commandments at Mt Sinai. Meanwhile the hypocrisy of the Israelites when they worshipped the Golden Calf. The building of the Tabernacle.
7. Remainder of the journey to the Promised Land, appointment of Joshua as Moses's successor and death of Moses overlooking the Promised Land.

Summer Term

Pilgrimage as a part of different religious beliefs.

1. A Christian pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral and the significance of the martyrdom of St Thomas Becket.
2. Places of pilgrimage in different world religions.

Islam.

1. The Hajj – Muslim pilgrimage made once in a lifetime.
2. The Five Pillars of the Islamic religion.
3. The prophet Muhammad.
4. The importance of prayer.
5. The Qur'an.
6. The mosque as a place of worship.
7. Importance of food and fasting in the lives of Muslims.