

Curriculum. Religious Studies

Year 6

The curriculum for Year 6 is broadly based on David Self's book, 'World Religions', with particular emphasis on the relevant chapters defined by the ISEB syllabus. The aim is to give the children an overview of the principle beliefs and values of 3 world religions, Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism, allowing time for reflection and discussion about the topic areas covered.

Michaelmas Term

Christianity

1. Wonders of Creation, looking at Genesis accounts
2. What it means to be a Christian
3. The Christian Bible and how it came to be put together
4. Join the Family- a look at Baptism and Confirmation. The life and role of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus
5. Places of worship – a look at some churches, chapels and cathedrals
6. The importance of prayer. Look at the Lord's prayer. The story of the Pharisee and the Tax collector praying
7. Christian festivals - the Christian calendar

Lent Term

Hinduism

1. The origin of Hinduism and images of India
2. Hindu core beliefs including Dharma, Karma, Samsara and Moksha
3. Hindu Holy Books
4. Hindu gods and goddesses, the Hindu Trinity and importance of shrines
5. Join the Family – the Sacred Thread ceremony
6. What it means to be grown up – Hindu rules for living
7. Places of worship and pilgrimage
8. Puja – saying of prayers and the importance of family life
9. Life after Death
10. The Easter story revised. The importance of the Resurrection to Christians

Summer Term

Buddhism

1. The origin of Buddhism and links with other religions from the Indus valley
2. Places of worship and pilgrimage
3. Being a Buddhist monk and the importance of meditation
4. Buddhist beliefs - the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path
5. Right and Wrong - The Five Precepts and links with other religious codes for living
6. Festivals of Faith and Light. Look at different festivals from around the world
7. Islam revision - The spread of Islam - Muslims in Britain today
8. The difficulties that people from other religions might face living in Britain today