

In Religious Education children develop knowledge and understanding of other peoples beliefs whilst reflecting on their own views. The aim is for R.E. to be meaningful ,child centred, thought provoking, enquiring and, hopefully, fun!

In looking at “What does it mean to be human?” which underpins the agreed syllabus followed by Halton schools ,we explore the four main areas of:-

SHARED HUMAN EXPERIENCE which involves aspects such as love, loss, community,thankfulness etc. Which are all experiences shared by human beings when looking at meaning, purpose, identity and values.

LIVING RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS look at ways in which people put their various beliefs into action.

BELIEFS AND VALUES show the main beliefs and practices which are at the heart of the various faiths studied.

THE SEARCH FOR PERSONAL MEANING encourages the children to reflect on their own beliefs.

We ask a lot of questions but do not always answer them!

Our work from reception to year six builds up contiguously from year to year and is developed through the outlines listed below.

RECEPTION

Everyone is special

We all matter.

The story of the lost sheep

reflecting on feelings of loss

Looking after animals

caring

The wonderful world

How we can enjoy it and look after it.

Who made the world?

Harvest

William Whiskerson on the farm

Dan Bunker's photobook

How we celebrate Harvest in school

Why we celebrate Harvest

The Autumn Harvest dance

Hedgehog leaf pictures

Autumn

The story of Noah

Noah, our musical interpretation.

The symbolism of the rainbow

Celebration!

Birthdays

Giving and receiving

The "Giving Tree"

Jesus, the best gift Christians can have!

Light and darkness

Celebrating Jesus' birthday

Christmas

The Christingle

The tinsel on our Christmas tree

Friends

Why is it good to have friends?

What do we enjoy doing with our friends? My friend Billy

Jesus and His friends

The first disciples fishermen and the dangers they face

Helping and trusting friends

The stilling of the storm how Jesus helped his friends

Zacchaeus, a friend of Jesus

Pancake Day

Shrove Tuesday

Easter

Symbols of new life

Baby animals

Preparing for Easter

The Toby video clip from cbeebies

Celebrating Easter

The Toby video clip from cbeebies

The empty cross covered in fresh flowers

Eggs

New life

Going on a looking walk

The story of the mustard seed

Planting seeds

The story of David and Goliath

plenty of acting out here!

The story of Daniel in the Lion's Den

Acting out again!

Saint Francis the saint who loved animals.

YEAR 1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Belonging

Joining

Friends

Together we are stronger

People who help us

How can we help others?

Signs of belonging

Belonging to Christianity

The Christian baptism of a baby

The first Christian symbols

Fish cross candle

Harvest

The Story of the Rich Fool

Celebrations

What do we celebrate?

Where do we celebrate? Why do we celebrate?

Presents

Jesus Christians believe He was God's gift to the world

Giving and receiving

How do we feel?

Gifts which cost nothing

What can we give?

Symbols of light at Christmas

Jesus, the Light of the World

Advent candle

Advent wreath

Stars in the Christmas story

The Christmas story

Which rules do Christians try to follow?

Rules which are important to us

Worship in a Christian church

What do Christians do in church services?

Pray sing read/listen

To Bible stories

What will you see in a traditional Christian church?

Stained glass windows

We make our own!

Church visit if possible

Pancake day Shrove Tuesday Why it is important to Christians

The origins of Pancake day

Customs associated with Shrove Tuesday

Celebrating Easter. We include the crucifixion and read "Goodbye, Mog"
to investigate the sadness of Easter

We focus on the celebration of Easter Day and its symbols of new life

The Jewish story of Esther

Puppets to show the story of Esther and the celebration of the festival of
Purim

How Jewish children celebrate the festival of Purim

Why is Purim important to Jewish people?

Heroes and villains

The story of Jonah

Stories Jesus told eg. The House on the rock

Making choices

Our wonderful world The Jewish story of Creation

Planting sunflowers

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR 2

Stories Jesus told

Parables

The Lost sheep (Revision)

The Prodigal Son and / or The Good Samaritan acted out.

Our favourite books

Harvest

The Parable of the sower

Rosie the tree

Tub Shevat

Celebrations darkness and light

Winter festivals

The Jewish festival of Hanukkah

The Christmas story

The importance of the shepherds

Visit to the Heath Church Hope journey

The importance of the Bible to Christians

The story of Mary Jones and her Bible

Why the Bible was written down

Things Jesus did

The ultimate take-away

Special things

The Jewish Torah, a special book

Making model Torah scrolls

Possibly the festival of Simchat Torah (If time)

Lent

Palm Sunday

Good Friday

Easter day

Symbols of Christianity cross and crucifix

The story of Joseph exploring various themes eg. Jealousy

Responsibility

Moses from his birth to his teenage years

Saint Francis

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR 3

Friendship

Why do we need friends?

Qualities of a friend

What kind of friend am I?

Real and true friends

Jesus' special friends

The 12 disciples

How Jesus helped his friends Trust

Consideration of miracles

The feeding of the 5000

The importance of light in religious winter festivals

Very brief introduction to Hinduism

The Hindu festival of Divali, the Festival of Lights

The meaning of Advent for Christians

The Advent wreath its symbolism

The Christmas story the significance of the wise men.

Hindu deities

Hindu worship in the home puja

Model Hindu home shrines

Signs and symbols

Christian symbols (revised and new)

The dangers faced by early Christians

Lent

How the donkey got its cross

The events of Holy Week

Hot cross buns

The Easter garden and its symbolism for Christians

Easter Day The symbolism of the egg

Faberge eggs

The golden rule

Jesus' two commandments

The story of the Golden Bowl

The baptism of Jesus

Infant baptism

The temptations of Jesus

Reflection on our own temptations making choices

Abraham and his importance to the Jewish faith

Sacrifice

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR 4

Introduction to Islam

The importance of the 5 pillars to Muslims

The Shahadah

The Birth of a Muslim baby

The importance of Muhammad to Muslims

The story of Muhammad and the thirsty camel

Muslim attitudes to the environment

How people enjoy, spoil, improve our world

The names and titles of Allah

Islamic art forms Calligraphy, tessellation and arabesque

Prayer in Islam

Journeys

Pilgrimage

Christian pilgrimage

The story of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes

Bethlehem

The Christmas story

The sacred and secular aspects.

New Beginnings

Chinese New Year How it is celebrated

Parables (revision from year 2)

Why are Jesus' stories important to Christians?

Modern day version of the Good Samaritan

Lent

Emphasis on Mothering Sunday

Holy week day by day

When is it right to be angry?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR 5

Rules

The difference between rules and laws

Moses and the plagues (this follows on from work done earlier in the school)

The possible scientific explanations of the plagues

The Jewish beliefs about the plagues

The Ten Commandments

Jewish food laws

Advent and Christmas

Christian traditions and customs from other countries

** A Victorian Christmas

"An Angel Just Like Me"

What colour was Jesus?

Elizabeth Frink's Sculpture of Jesus on Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

Features of a Christian church

The meanings of the word "church"

Key features inside a Christian church

Model interior of a church

A church for the future.

Lent and Easter

Holy Week the final week of Jesus' life

The Last supper

Communion / Eucharist

Visit to the heath Church

Hope Journey

Easter

The resurrection

Pentecost

Making Kites

The Bible The story of William Tyndale

The Lindisfarne Gospels

The Book of Kells

Jewish Shabbat (if not studied in year 4)