



'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

## **Religious Education**

At Horsington Church school, pupils will access a high quality RE curriculum that engenders an interest in exploring, improving understanding of and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity. This will enable them to develop a knowledge and acceptance of religions and worldviews, with the skill to "disagree agreeably. The curriculum will two thirds based on Christianity and one third on other world faiths. There will be links to the British Values.

Children and young people will be able have the skills to:

- As theologians: analyse a range of primary and secondary sources; understand symbolic language; use technical terminology effectively.
- As philosophers: interpret meaning and significance; evaluate and reflect upon beliefs and ethics and how they impact upon the lives of others and themselves; refine the way they think about the world and their place in it; consider moral principles, including the nature of good and evil.
- As social scientists: respectfully critique and value the wide range of beliefs and cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others, considering both differences and commonalities; recognise bias and stereotype; represent a range of views, other than one's own, with accuracy.

#### The curriculum may also develop the following:

- a moral compass recognise the difference between right and wrong and readily apply this
- reflection upon their own beliefs and cultural practices
- make informed personal choices
- empathy with and an understanding of others

#### **Religious Education Progression** Years 1 and 2

#### Unit: Christianity

Children should develop an understanding of God means to Christians, the beliefs and practices of Christian and the Bible.

#### Year 1

#### Salvation

- Begin to remember that the Christian Holy book is called the Bible, and that it is divided into two parts -Old Testament (which Christians share with Judaism – Jesus was a Jew) and New Testament.
- Recall some of stories from the Bible associated with the last eight days of Jesus' life, including (a) his entry into Jerusalem, (b) the Last Supper, (c) his arrest, (d) crucifixion and (e) resurrection
- Begin to remember the order of the key events in the Biblical narrative.
- Identify some stories with the religion of Christianity, who are collectively called Christians and know that they are from the Bible.
- Have some understanding that Christians believe that Jesus died so that people can be forgiven by God.
- Begin to understand that Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead, giving hope of a new life.
- Begin to raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to their enquiry into the Easter story.

#### Year 2

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#### Belief – Incarnation

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- Start to understand that Advent is the time before Christmas when Christians get ready for Jesus coming.
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- Try to reflect on the implications of this story for Christians and for themselves today.
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#### **Unit: Judaism**

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#### Key belief: God and the Covenant

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- Start to remember the basic elements of the story found in Genesis:
- \* God made the world from nothing
- \*God Makes everything in the world, including plants and animals
  - \*Man is the last to be made
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given responsibility to care for the world

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- Begin to remember that the Jewish name for God is Adonai which mean 'Lord'. Jews use the name with great respect, never carelessly. Sometimes Jews write the words as God because of its sacredness.
- Begin to recognise the Star of David as a symbol of Judaism, which represents the 6 days of creation found in Genesis.
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#### Year 2

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- Be able to recognise the Star of David as a symbol of Judaism, which represents the 6 days of creation found in Genesis.
- Know that Jews live all over the world, but Israel is considered very special as it was promised to Abraham and his descendants by God.

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#### Belief: Torah

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- Start to understand that it contains the first 5 books of the Hebrew Bible.
- Begin to remember that it teaches Jews what God is like and how they should live their lives.
- Start to know that one day a week Jews observe the Sabbath: they rest, have a meal on Friday evening with their family. Jews believe that bringing the family together once a week when no one works is important.
- Begin to understand how special the Torah is for Jews: the Torah is read every week in the synagogue, the end of one cycle is celebrated in Simchat Torah.
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Understanding Christianity will be the planning resource for Christianity and AMV is mainly resource for other word religions.

#### Subject Specific Progression Religious Education

Year 3 and 4

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- Begin to understand Christians will describe one God as Father (parent), Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity.
- Begin to recall what happens in both Infant Baptism and Believers' Baptism. Water is used. The person baptising usually says "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and the son, and the Holy spirit." The person is welcomed into the Christian Church.
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- Start to raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to their enquiry into the accounts of these miracles and what Christians say about who Jesus is.

## Belief – Agape (selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love) (\*Gospel)

- Start to understand that Christians try to be like Jesus and obey his teachings in the things that they think and do.
- Simply recall the story of the Good Samaritan Luke 10.25-37. Man attacked on dangerous road; left without anything even clothes; he is seen by a Priest and Levite (respected members of community); Samaritan stops and helps Jew; uses expensive oils; places man on donkey while he walks; taken to inn and pays for stay.
- Begin to understand the context for the story: how the story came to be told – Jesus is asked how to inherit eternal life? Love God and your neighbour as yourself; Jesus is asked who is my neighbour?
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#### **Unit: Judaism**

#### Year 3

#### Key belief: God and the Covenant

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- Have an understanding of the Jews made an agreement or covenant with God: If Jews agree to obey His commandments; the Jews would be His Chosen people.
- Begin to know that Jews celebrate the exodus at the week-long Passover festival; at the Seder meal Jews re-tell the story of the Exodus using symbolic food. The festival recalls this as a key event in their history because it shows: (a) God was at work in the events of

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#### Belief: Torah

- Start to understand the Shabbat Jews attend the synagogue, where they worship God. Doing this develops a sense of community.
- Begin to understand that the reading of the Torah is central to the service: during the service there will be readings from the Torah.
- In the synagogue the Torah (Sefer Torah) is written on parchment, which are written by hand with a special ink. The importance of the scrolls is shown by the way they are: \* Never touched by human hands- a special pointer is used \* Each scroll has a mantle (cover) \*Once they have been used, they are returned to the Ark \* There is an everburning lamp outside the Ark to show God is always present
- Begin to know that some Jews wear Tephilin (or Tefillin), which are two straps with boxes on and contain small pieces of parchment from Torah, on the forehead to remind Jews they must love God with their mind and on their arm facing the heart to remind Jews they must love God with all their heart.
- Begin to understand that the Torah is written in Hebrew.
- Try to raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to the importance and respect Jews give to the Torah.

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#### Unit: Islam

#### Year 3 Year 4

Key belief – Islam (Submission to the will of Allah) Key belief – Islam (Submission to the will of Know Muslims believe that Allah created all things which exist.

- Understand that although Allah created everything, humans have been given the responsibility to look after that creation (Khalifah).
- Know that Muhammad taught Muslims that there are 99 names for Allah which describe what He is like.
- Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to what they have learnt about the Islamic belief in Allah and Khalifah.
- Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information

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- Know that Islam means "Submission (to the will of Allah)" and the word Muslims means someone who has willingly submitted themselves to Allah.
- Identify the two main beliefs of Islam as: \* the belief in only one God, and \* the belief that Muhammad is the Messenger of God
- Understand that praying 5 times a day, which is prescribed in the Qur'an, is one way Muslims submit to the will of Allah.
- They do this by: \* Being constantly reminded of Allah throughout the day, reminds them for what is important in their life and helps them straying from the path \* The sujud position (prostration) reflects Muslim submission as a physical act.\*Salah can take place anywhere, as God created everything
- Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to what they have learnt about the Islamic belief in submitting to the will of Allah and the practice of Salah.
- Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information

#### Belief – Iman (faith) Messengers of Allah

- Associate artefacts like prayer mats, mosques and the Qur'an with Islam.
- Use the word 'Muslim' correctly to refer to a follower of the religion of Islam.

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- Know that Muslims believe that Muhammad had many revelations over 22 years.
- Understand that Islam teaches that Muhammad told many others what the revelations were. They wrote down the Words that had

- Identify Muhammad as a man who is deeply respected in in Islam as the Messenger of God.
- Recall the story of the first revelation Muhammad received the Night of Power: \*Muhammad is in a cave on Mt Hira \* He sees the Angel Gabriel \*He is told to recite (Iqra) a book being held in front of him. \* Muhammad replies he cannot read \* On the third instruction he can read the message
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- been revealed to Muhammad. What they wrote formed a book the holy Qur'an.
- Know that Muslims believe that the angel Gabriel was 'sent down' with God's holy book – the Mother of the Book. This was the book that was shown to Muhammad. So the Qur'an is a copy of God's holy book.
- Understand that the Qur'an is treated with great respect by Muslims, including that it is often kept in a stand, kept above all other books, is sometimes wrapped in a cloth, a Muslim will wash their hands before touching the book.
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#### **Unit: Hinduism**

#### Year 3

## Key Belief – Dharma (Right-living, respecting life, honouring Natural world)

- Recall stories from The Ramayana, of the exile and return of Rama including: Rama is named the successor to his father the king, but because of the jealousy and plotting of his stepmother, Rama is sent away from the palace for 14 years
- \* Rama's choice to honour his father's promise and enter into a 14 year exile,

despite the people not wanting him to leave.

\*Sita is kidnapped by the evil king Ravanna, but Rama and Lakshmana, with the monkey king Hanuman defeat Ravanna

\*After the 14 years the joyous return of Rama, Sita and Lakshmana is marked as the first Diwali.

Year 4

## Key Belief – Dharma. (Right-living, respecting life, honouring Natural world)

- Recall stories of the exile, return and reign of Rama from the Hindu book: The Ramayana and understand how they teach a) respect for Parents, b) keeping promises, c) doing the right thing even when it's hard, and from his reign d) using power with care and responsibility towards those with less power, know that Hindus think these are important guidelines for right-living.
- Understand when Hindus light lamps to celebrate Divali they remember that God guides us in life the way lamps light up darkness, to help us see our way.
- Know Dharma means 'rightliving' and that the Hindu faith is called the 'Hindu Dharma'

- Identify these stories with the Hindu faith and know that its followers are called Hindus.
- Recognise the symbol for Aum (Om) and know how it is correctly pronounced. Know that Aum if often used as the symbol for Hinduism.
- Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to the belief in Dharma.
- Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information.

#### Belief – Deity (Brahman, Deva, Devi, Avatar)

- Recall the story of 'young Krishna opens his mouth', including a) his playmates tell Krishna's mother that he has been eating dirt b) he denies it, but his friends insist he is lying d) his mother asks him to open his mouth, as she looks into his mouth she sees the whole of creation, including planets, sun, stars f) for a moment she realises her young son is no ordinary boy, but God in a special human form
- Understand that for Hindus this story means the whole world is special to 'God' so everything in it is to be treated with love and respect.
- Hindus believe that God is one and they call God Brahman.
- Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to the Hindu belief in Deity.
- Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information.

#### Belief – Atman (The Divine within)

- Recognise a form of Hindu worship (called puja) using a special tray called 'a puja thali' with a small sacred flame, bell, flower petals, incense and water to help them not be distracted by anything else they may see, hear, smell or touch around them, to make it a special time. Know and be able to use the following terms accurately and confidently: Mandir, shrine, puja, murti, prasad and arti.
- Know that Hindus have a special place at home for performing puja once a day.
- Understand that Puja helps Hindus be quiet enough to 'hear' God guiding them from within and to know Hindus can perform Puja at home or in a place of worship called a Mandir.
- Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to the Hindu belief in Dharma, deity and Atman.
- Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information.

#### **Unit: Humanism**

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- Begin to tell another person what is meant by 'Humanist' and 'atheist'.
- Have had the opportunity to talk with members of a Humanist family.
- Start to understand that
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- Start to have an understanding that Christians believe that it matters what people do. When people treat others badly (sin) it makes God upset and angry.
- Christians believe the Bible talks about what God is like and his relationship with people who believe in him.
- Start to raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to their enquiry into what Christians believe about God.
- Begin to recognize that Christians use evidence to support their belief in God.
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#### **Unit: Judaism**

#### Year 5

#### Key belief: G-d and the Covenant

- Begin to understand that Jews have coming of age ceremonies: Bar and Bat Mitzvah (for boys and girls, respectively).
   These are important because it marks the time when people become responsible for following the Torah.
- Start to recall that Abraham is called one of the fathers of Judaism
- Begin to understand the story of Abraham who Jews believe was the first person to believe in one God: \* Abraham was rich and lived in Ur; the people worshipped many gods
- God speaks to Abraham and tells him to leave his home with 3 promises: a relationship with God, numerous descendants and land \*but Sara is barren \*with no scriptures or traditions, he puts his faith in God —Recall part of this story
- Begin to understand that, for Jews, the covenant that began with Abraham is an important belief of a two-way relationship.
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- Begin to understand that there is also a collection of writings called the Talmud. These contain the teaching of rabbis over many years. It gives more details about how to put the rules found in the Torah into practice.
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- Start to understand that humans have the role of Khalifah, trustees of Allah's creation. All things belong to Allah. Muslims have always studied nature for signs and wonders of Allah
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