

## Religious Education Curriculum Intent

Christianity is a main faith in the United Kingdom. Learning about Christianity helps children to understand the reasons why we celebrate Christmas and Easter. It is important that children have a wider understanding and appreciation for other religions and beliefs so that they can be tolerant and respectful towards these faiths. Children will learn about a different religion each year. They will **explore** each religion by learning facts about its creation, how they worship and the key beliefs. Children will **engage** in some parts of the religion so they know what it looks and feels like. Children will then **reflect** on what they have learnt and make comparisons to the Christian faith.

	Autumn	December	Spring	Prior to Easter break	Summer
Year 1	<b>Exploring Christianity:</b> Symbols of the Church and Harvest celebration	Nativity Story  Make a Christingle	<b>Engaging in Christianity:</b> Stories that Jesus told	'Giving up' (Lent)  Jesus' crucifixion	<b>Reflecting on Christianity:</b> worship, prayers, hymns, church, things that Jesus did
Year 2	<b>Exploring Hinduism:</b> learning about the Hindu religion	Nativity Story from an alternative perspective  Understanding the meaning of advent	<b>Engaging in Hinduism:</b> Hindu stories, afterlife, communal kitchen	Lent (sacrifice)  Resurrection	<b>Reflecting on Hinduism:</b> comparing Hindu and Christian celebrations, life after death, one or more Gods
Year 3	<b>Exploring Islam:</b> learning about the religion of Islam.	The Journey to Bethlehem	<b>Engaging in Islam:</b> customs, family life, Ramadan and Eid	Lent  Jesus' Disciples	<b>Reflecting on Islam:</b> comparing to Christianity, a child's naming ceremony; Aqiqah (A-qu-ee-kah) and Baptism.
Year 4	<b>Exploring Judaism:</b> learning about the Jewish religion.	Prophecy of Jesus	<b>Engaging in Judaism:</b> Celebrations; Passover, Seder Plate, Bar / Bat Mitzvah, Hanukkah, dreidel game	The Last Supper	<b>Reflecting on Judaism:</b> compare to Christian faith - Old Testament and the Torah. Hanukkah and Christmas
Year 5	<b>Exploring Sikhism:</b> learning about the Sikh religion.	Herod's Plan	<b>Engaging in Sikhism:</b> The five articles of faith, rites of passage, equality, Diwali	Easter Suffering and hardship	<b>Reflecting on Sikhism:</b> compare Sikhism and Christianity; foundations, worship, life after death, Behaviours and Commandments
Year 6	<b>Exploring Buddhism and Humanism:</b> learning about these religions / beliefs.	Evaluate the Christmas Nativity Story.	<b>Engaging in Buddhism and Humanism:</b> Meditation, Wesak, debating beliefs and practices	The Importance of Lent	<b>Reflecting on Buddhism and Humanism:</b> comparing to Christianity and each other; beliefs, worship, life after death.

Christian stories told through whole school worship:

- The Story of Creation (including Adam and Eve and the Garden of Creation): choices and temptation
- Noah and the Ark: faith, perseverance and promise
- The Good Samaritan: helping others and prejudice
- David and Goliath: determination and strength