

Year 4



Christianity God

How and why might Christians use the Bible?

We will investigate how and why Christians use the Bible today and why the Bible is seen as a source of inspirations and authority by many Christians. We will explore the idea that the Bible has authority for Christians because it is 'the Word of God', but that Christians have different views about what this means - some take it as a literal truth, whereas others take the liberal view that it contains truths about God and how God wants people to live but that the stories themselves may not be literally true.



Hindusim

Do we have to live our lives in a certain way?

We will revisit the story of Rama and Sita and explore the theme of good overcoming evil - just as light overcomes darkness. We will deepen our understanding of Hindu beliefs about God by learning about Rama as an avatar of Vishnu. We will connect this with the Diwali theme - Rama is a deity and therefore represents goodness. We will reflect on the symbolism of light within all human cultures, and consider how light might be a universal symbol of goodness and hope.



Christianity The Church

Why are some occasions sacred to believers?

We will examine the role of the Church as a community of believers from all races and nationalities who are committed to life lived in the Spirit of Jesus. The focus is on how the Church supports its members in living the faith. We will also consider examples that support life in the community and in The Church through the celebration of The Eucharist. We will reflect on events in our lives that are shared and celebrated.



Islam

What is Hajj and why is it important to Muslims?

We will examine the structures that underpin Islamic beliefs and practices. Through a study of Ramadhan, we will explore the key values of Islam of submission to Allah and service to God through charitable life and actions. We will consider the role of commitment as part of religious life and reflect on the wider human value of being committed to ideas, to self-improvement or to other people.



Christianity Jesus

Is sacrifice an important part of religious life?

We will investigate the person of Jesus through the concept of sacrifice, making links to prior learning about the principle of Zakat in Islam and also what it means to be a follower of Jesus by exploring how Christians might try to follow the example of Jesus through charity and personal sacrifice. We will consider how Jesus' sacrifices have provided a model for other Christians to mirror by showing agape (selfless love for others).



Judaism

How do religious families and their communities practise their faith and what contributions does this make to society?

We will examine organisations and practices that support Jewish lifestyle. The content focus includes God, Torah and The People and The Land. We will explore the role of the synagogue and prayer and we will consider our beliefs and how they influence our behaviour.