

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 inspiration 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.



Hindu Dharma

What might a Hindu learn from celebrating Diwali?

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 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 agapé (selfless love for others).



Islam

Why do Muslims fast during Ramadhan?

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 The Church

What does 'love your neighbour' really mean?

We will investigate the Christian teaching of agapé - a selfless love of others. We will explore how important messages and guidance can be passed on through stories and will focus on Christian teachings contained in the parables that Jesus told to his followers. We will then discover examples of how modern Christians show a love for their neighbour and reflect on what message they would want to pass on to future generations.



Sikh Dharma

How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values?

We will explore how Sikhs convey their beliefs and commitments in the way they live their lives and through symbols which are observable expressions of faith. Sikhs are expected to demonstrate their commitment to their beliefs in the way they live their daily lives. We will look at how Sikh principles such as sewa, kirat karna and vand chakna influence their way of life.