

Our curriculum is informed by:

- Our school context
- What our children need
- Evidence-informed practice and research



St Nicholas^{CE}
First School

Our RE Curriculum

Why here? Why now?

Year 1	
Learning Focus Learning Focus Faith Type World View Link School Value	Why here? Why now?
What do Christians believe God Is Like? Abrahamic Faith Care	Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." In this first unit Year 1 children are introduced to the cornerstones of Christianity, understanding the concept of forgiveness and the nature and essence of God e.g God is loving and fair. When discussing how Christians forgive people they will also consider if it is important for other people too? They will be introduced to the term parable and will learn through the stories of The Lost Son and the story of Jonah and Nineveh. Children will know that Christians believe in God and try to live in ways which please Him. This links directly with our school vision of Walking in the footsteps of Jesus.
What are festivals and why do we celebrate them? Dharmic Faith Abrahamic Faith Respect	2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." This unit builds on the knowledge of the festivals of Christmas and Diwali from Early Years. Children are taught about three major world festivals, Diwali, Advent and Christmas, Ramadan and Eid-Al-Fitr. Children learn how and why the different festivals are celebrated by believers. There is the opportunity for children to visit St Nicholas Church to see how Advent is celebrated in church.
What do Muslims Believe? Abrahamic Faith Respect	This unit build upon the learning taken place in unit 2. Children will be able to identify objects and symbols important to Muslims and will begin to make links to the teaching the Qur'an and how Muslims choose to behave. Children will make links between Islam and Christianity identifying similarities and different between the aspects of the religions. Through stories children will learn about what Muhammad (PBUH) is like.
Why does Easter matter to Christians? Salvation Abrahamic Faith Trust	John 11:25-26. Jesus said to, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." In Reception children will have heard the Easter story and thought about why there is a cross in Easter Gardens. This unit builds upon that and they will be able to tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people). Children start to understand the impact of these stories in how Christians celebrate and worship at Easter time. Children will have the opportunity to think, talk and ask questions about whether the story of Easter has anything to say to them about sadness, hope or heaven. By the end of the unit children will know that Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.
How do Christians talk to God? Abrahamic Faith Thankfulness	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" Within this unit children are introduced to the idea that Christians can speak to God through prayer. Children look at how people around the world may worship and say prayers. Year 1 spend time looking at the prayers used within school, (lunch time prayer, home time prayer, school prayer and the Lord's prayer) and what these mean to us as a school. This helps them understand the real impact of the teachings of The Bible on their own lives. Children will have the opportunity to reflect upon why prayer is important to Christians and the difference it can make to their lives. Children will also learn that people from other religions pray and look at how and why they pray.
How can I make a difference in the world? Abrahamic Faith Humanism Care	Matthew 7:12 "Do to others what you want them to do to you" Walking in the footsteps of Jesus and letting your light shine is at the heart of this unit of work. Children will know that there is a golden rule written in the Bible telling Christians how they should behave. They explore this through the story of The Good Samaritan and will understand that it tells Christians how they should care for others. In this unit children will understand that they can make a difference in the world no matter how small their action is and that they are part of a wider community and that they can give and care for others. This unit is underpinned by school worship and the school vision repeatedly.