

RE

Nutley CE Primary School is a Church of England controlled school and we give prominence to the teaching of Christianity through daily collective worship assemblies, through positive relationships which exist within our small school, as well as through the RE curriculum.

Through the teaching of RE, we give the pupils opportunities to learn about a range of beliefs, practices and ways of life and to nurture their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The children explore the RE curriculum in a cross curricular and creative way. We follow the East Sussex syllabus 'Continuing the journey' and, within that framework, have fully embedded the 'Understanding Christianity' resource from EYFS through to Year 6.

The aims of RE in Nutley CE Primary School are:

- To enable pupils to know about and understand Christianity as a living faith that influences the lives of people worldwide and as a religion that has most shaped British culture and heritage.
- To enable pupils to know and understand about other world religions and world views, their impact on society, culture and the wider world, enabling them to develop and express their ideas, values and identities. We want to make it possible for our children to participate positively in our society with its diverse religions and worldviews. As a school we focus on Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Humanism.
- To contribute to the development of pupils' own spiritual/philosophical views, exploring and enriching their own beliefs and values while respecting the right of others to differ.

We have close links to St James-the-Less, our local church. Reverend Ben Sear makes frequent visits to the school as he leads collective acts of worship on a fortnightly basis, as well as contributing to our curriculum by being involved in individual lessons. We regularly use St James-the-Less for celebratory Harvest, Christmas and Easter services and visits to learn more about Christianity.

Expectations:

EYFS: The children will learn:

- Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?

- Preparing for Christmas
- Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?
- Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?
- A sense of belonging: My family and friends
- Special places, objects, books and stories connected to Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Year 1 and 2: We focus on two religions Christianity and Judaism.

- Our local church and Harvest Festival
- Jewish and Christian Creation
- Light at Christmas focussing on Christingle, The Advent Ring and Angels in the Christmas Story
- Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
- What do Christians believe God is like?
- Why does Easter matter to Christians? Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Jesus' anger in the temple.
- Christian Prayer and Baptism
- Stories from the Bible and Torah
- The Jewish Home focussing on Kashrut and Shabbat
- Jesus' life as a boy

Year 3 and 4: We focus on three religions Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism.

- What do Christians learn from the creation story?
- Jewish celebrations of Sukkot and Hanukkah
- The characters in the Christmas story
- How can following God bring justice and freedom? Moses and the Exodus
- Why do Christians call the day Jesus dies Good Friday?
- Hindu worship and beliefs
- What is it like to follow God? Noah and Abraham
- The annunciation and Christmas around the world
- What kind of world did Jesus want?
- What is the Good News Jesus brings?
- Christian and Jewish Marriage

- The synagogue and Bar/bat mitzvah ceremony

Year 5 and 6: We focus on three religions Christianity, Humanism and Islam

- What does it mean if God is holy and loving?
- The Life of Mary the Mother of Jesus
- The Advent Crown and different Gospel accounts of Christmas
- What does it mean to be a Muslim? Five Pillars of Islam, The prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an
- What did Jesus do to save human beings?
- When Jesus left what was the impact of Pentecost?
- Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?
- Stewardship
- What is Trinity?
- What kind of king is Jesus and was Jesus the Messiah?
- What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?
- Significance of Holy Communion within Christianity