Downs Infant School – RE Round up – Autumn 1 - 2026

Reception

This half term, Reception children have been exploring the question "Which people are special and why?" We have thought about the important people in our own lives, including family members, friends and people who help us in our community. Through stories, discussions and role play we have learned about the qualities that make someone special, such as kindness, care and helpfulness.

"My Mummy is a special person. She's a nurse."

We have also discovered how religious people look to special figures for guidance, learning about Jesus in Christianity and Prophet Muhammad in Islam through stories that teach friendship, compassion and caring for others. Throughout the topic, we have also reflected on how we can be good friends and show kindness to those around us.



Year 1

This half term, Year 1 children have explored stories from the Christian tradition about how the world began and why it is important to care for it. Through learning about the creation story, Adam and Eve, and Noah's Ark, the children discussed values such as responsibility, making good choices and looking after our environment. We shared our own ideas, listened respectfully to the views of others and learned that people hold different beliefs about how the world began and the importance of understanding and respecting different faiths and world views. We also reflected on why many people of faith see the Earth as something precious that should be respected and protected.



Year 1 were also privileged to have a visit from a Rabbi, who helped us understand the festival of Sukkot, a Jewish harvest festival that is all about saying thank you for food, shelter, and family.



Year 2

This half term, Year 2 children have explored a range of stories from the Christian Bible and the Jewish Torah, including The Good Samaritan, The Lost Sheep, Jonah and the Big Fish and David and Goliath.



Through discussion, drama and reflection, the children considered the messages within these stories and what they can teach us about kindness, courage, forgiveness and helping others.

"It helps me learn to help others"

We shared our own ideas, asked thoughtful questions and listened respectfully to different viewpoints and beliefs.

The children also learned about the Bible and the Torah as sacred texts, exploring why they are special to many people and how they are treated with respect by Christian and Jewish communities.