



Montreal Church of England Religious Education Curriculum Overview- Cycle A

Teaching Christianity and World Faiths in EYFS and Key Stage 1 & 2 (in line with the Cumbria Agreed Syllabus)

In EYFS and Key Stage 1 we follow the Cumbria Agreed Syllabus by teaching Christianity throughout every year alongside Islam as our chosen second faith. Children encounter Christianity through key festivals (Harvest, Christmas, Easter), Bible stories, and experiences of belonging, special people, and places of worship. Islam is introduced through parallel themes. This approach ensures that children learn about similarities and differences between faiths in an age-appropriate, story- and play-based way in EYFS, and then build on this through more structured enquiry and comparison in Key Stage 1.

In Key Stage 2, Christianity continues as the core strand while pupils also study Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, and Judaism, allowing them to explore a broad range of beliefs, practices, and worldviews. In this way we provide a broad, balanced, and progressive RE curriculum that reflects the expectations of the Cumbria syllabus.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
CHRISTIAN VALUE	Thankfulness	Trust	Perseverance	Justice	Service	Truthfulness
EYFS/Year 1	<u>I am special</u> Why are we all different and special? <u>Harvest</u> Why do people of faith say thank you to God at Harvest time?	<u>World Faith Celebration:</u> How Diwali is celebrated <u>Christmas</u> How do Christians celebrate Jesus birthday? Christmas around the world-Posada	<u>Special People</u> Why do Christians believe Jesus is special? <u>World Faith Celebration:</u> Chinese New Year	<u>Easter</u> Why do Christians believe that Easter is all about love? <u>Baptism</u> Why is baptism special? (Non-religious world views)	<u>What is a special place?</u> What makes a place holy or special? <u>World Faith:</u> How do Muslims show care?	<u>Stories Jesus Told</u> Why did Jesus tell stories?
Year 1 / 2	<u>The Bible</u> The Bible: Why is the Bible such a special book? <u>World Faith</u> Do muslims have a holy book?	<u>Christmas</u> Why do many people give and receive gifts at Christmas? (Non-religious world views)	<u>Creation:</u> What do people of faith believe about God as the Creator? <u>World Faith</u> What do people of Muslim faith believe about creation?	<u>Easter</u> Why do Christians believe Easter is a new beginning?	<u>The Church</u> Why is the church a special place for Christians? Why are holy buildings important to people of faith? (Non-religious world views)	<u>Ascension and Pentecost</u> What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost? <u>World Faith:</u> Where do Muslims pray?



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Year 3/4	<u>Harvest</u> How do people of faith say thank you to God for the harvest?	<u>Christmas</u> Why is Jesus described as the light of the world? <u>World Faith:</u> Why is light an important symbol in world faiths?	<u>Jesus</u> Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God?	<u>Easter</u> Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy? <u>World Faith:</u> What do world faiths say about forgiveness?	<u>Jesus</u> How did/does Jesus change lives?	<u>Called by God</u> What does it mean to be called by God? <u>World Faith:</u> Local faith leaders- who are they and what do they do?
Year 4/5	<u>The Bible</u> How and why do Christians read the bible? <u>World Faith:</u> Why are sacred texts so important to people of faith?	<u>Christian Hope</u> Is Death an Ending or a beginning? (Non-religious world views) <u>Christmas</u> How is Christmas celebrated around the world?	<u>Jesus</u> Why do Christians believe Jesus was a great teacher? <u>World Faith:</u> How do stories from Islam teach Muslims about how to live their lives?	<u>Easter</u> Why do Christians believe that Easter is a celebration of victory?	<u>Old Testament women:</u> Did she make the right choice? <u>World Faith:</u> Judaism	<u>Jesus</u> Why do Christians believe Jesus is the son of God? <u>World Faith:</u> How do Sikhs think about equality and service?
Year 6	<u>Life is a Journey</u> Is every person's journey the same?	<u>Advent</u> How do Christians prepare for Christmas?	<u>Exodus</u> Why is the Exodus such a significant event in Jewish and Christian history? <u>World Faith:</u>	<u>Easter</u> Why do Christians celebrate the Eucharist?	<u>Ascension and Pentecost</u> What is the importance of Ascension and Pentecost to Christians?	<u>People of Faith</u> How does having faith affect people's lives? What do Philosophers teach us about life's purpose?