

Eastfield Primary School



Parent information booklet:

Religious Education

Areas covered in Religious Education

The order in which topics are covered may vary.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Autumn term</u>	<u>Spring term</u>	<u>Summer term</u>
<u>Year 1 Cycle A Cycle B</u>	Ourseves/Light & dark What makes a family?/gifts & giving	Surprises/What happens in a place of worship Faith stories/Founders	Endings & beginnings/People & Worship Living in our world/Poems, prayers & promises
<u>Year 2 Cycle A Cycle B</u>	Ourseves/Light & dark What makes a family?/gifts & giving	Surprises/What happens in a place of worship Faith stories/Founders	Endings & beginnings/People & Worship Living in our world/Poems, prayers & promises
<u>Year 3</u>	Remembering Rituals In Life	Heroes & Heroines Food & Fasting	Holy Books Journeys
<u>Year 4</u>	Making Promises Festivals Of Light	Founders & Leaders Spring Festivals	I Believe.... Our World
<u>Year 5</u>	Religious Communities Peace	Preach/Teachers Earth/Water/Fire	Exploring Worship Pilgrimage
<u>Year 6</u>	Journey of Life Christmas Words/Images	Justice & Freedom Hope	Stories & Songs Religious Places

Aims & Objectives

- To know the key figures and events of Christianity.
- To know about the teachings, beliefs and practices of Christianity.
- To know about the key figures, teachings, beliefs and practises of other major world faiths.
- To develop their own ideas about religion.
- To begin to form their own beliefs and values.
- To understand and value people from other cultural and religious backgrounds.

What might happen in an R.E. lesson ?

In Religious Education (RE) your child will learn about the rich traditions of a variety of religious faiths, in order to help them understand people from different backgrounds, and how religion influences their lives and practices.

In order to achieve this children will undertake a variety of activities within RE lessons. They will:

- Hear stories from a variety of religions.
- Possibly, visit a place of worship.
- Take part in a celebration such as Christingle, Divali or Hanukah.
- Write poems or do some creative writing about the subject.
- Investigate the importance of sacred books and other artefacts.

- Sometimes they may cook a special dish.
- Produce some art work.
- Sing or listen to music.
- Visitors may talk about their faith.

Discussion plays a large part in R.E. lessons, and allows children to express their own thoughts and ideas. It also gives them an opportunity to listen to the views and ideas of others. At an appropriate point, children are often asked to sit quietly and think about what they are learning about. This time for reflection is important in helping them to develop their own beliefs about religion.

How can parents help?

- Talk to your child about the things they have been doing in their R.E. lessons.
- Listen to what they have to say.
- Be prepared for your child to hold a different opinion from your own.
- Draw their attention to differences and similarities between people when the opportunity arises.
- Take your child into places of worship on days out, e.g. old and interesting churches.
- Discuss what is happening when you go to weddings and christenings / other celebrations and festivals.
- Express your own acceptance of other faiths and of different beliefs and practices.

