

Curriculum Update

Welcome to a new section of the weekly newsletter. Each week we will focus on a different area of the curriculum, sharing information about what and how we teach that subject across the school as well as any tips for how you can get involved.

This Christmas edition is all about **Religious Education**

This term....

Nativity and Carols!



The lead up to Christmas would not be complete without our children in EYFS and KS1 learning about the Christmas Story through their Christmas nativities. The children have performed shows to the whole school and their families and did an amazing job!

At the beginning of December, our Year 5 took part in a Christmas Carol Service at York Minster. This was a fantastic experience for them singing alongside other York schools.

The
King in a Manger
Christmas Carol Service 2022



Your children may have come home talking about the exciting YoYo assemblies and lessons they have had in school. YoYo work with us in school to help the children learn about key Christian principles including identifying Christian symbols and The Holy Trinity. If you would like to find out more about them and what they do this is their website - <http://www.yoyotrust.org.uk/>

Hindu Education Visitor

At the end of the first Autumn term we enjoyed a day in school of Hindu learning to enhance our understanding of the Hinduism faith. Indri visited us with his van full of special Hindu artefacts, costumes and props that we used to retell the Diwali story of Rama and Sita and explore Hindu traditions.

Our children in Year 5 and 6 were led by Indri in discussions about how Hindu people's worldview informs their lifestyle and morality and enjoyed a 'photo shoot' session where they learnt how to tie a turban and put a sari on.



DID YOU KNOW?

World Faiths at Christmas

Who celebrates Christmas?

By name, it is a holiday for Christians. However, the holiday is celebrated by other religions and even atheists. This may be because as a holiday it has grown to focus on gift-giving and spending time with people you care about and this is something with which many people can get involved.

Another group of people who celebrate Christmas are Buddhists. Many still celebrate the holiday as they see Jesus as a man and a teacher, rather than the Christian viewing of him as a messiah. They believe his teachings complement those of Buddha, who was said to have found enlightenment during what we know as the festive season. And for that they celebrate Christmas. Buddhists practice peace and goodwill during Christmas, giving gifts and sending cards to loved ones.

In France Christmas is called Noël, the word coming from the Latin verb that means 'to be born'. You may hear people saying Joyeux Noël, which means Merry Christmas. You may also hear people who are Roman Catholics call the day the Feast of Nativity. This is because in the 4th century AD Pope Julius of the Church of Rome decided that Christians would celebrate Jesus's birth with a feast, which he named the Feast of Nativity.

Although, now when we hear nativity, we think of the scene depicting baby Jesus in the manger with Mary, Joseph and the barns animals. In some nativity scenes, the wise men are present but the whole scene has become a strong Christian symbol.

At Acomb Primary we pride ourselves in being fully inclusive. We know that the best way to learn about and understand the faiths and views of different people in our community is by first hand experiences. Therefore, if any of our families celebrate a special time of the year in their homes we would love to know about it and share your celebrations with our children. Please contact us in school if you have anything to share with or offer our school community.

