

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 edition is all about **Religious Education**

This term....

In KS1, the children are learning about and exploring the question 'What makes some places sacred?' This shall involve them exploring the main features of places of worship in Christianity, as well as looking at a Synagogue and Mosque. All children in EYFS and KS1 shall end our topic with a visit to Holgate Methodist Church in July.

In Year 3 and 4, the children are exploring the question 'Why do people pray?' They shall be comparing and discussing the different ways that Hindus, Muslims and Christians pray as well as discovering the meanings of the words in key prayers in each religion.

Year 5 and 6 are learning about what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. They shall explore the practice, meaning and significance of the Five Pillars of Islam and how these affect the lives of Muslims, moment by moment, daily, annually and in a lifetime.



We enjoyed fantastic Easter workshops with YoYo last term. Tasmin brought the Easter story to life through fantastic storytelling, encouraging the children to link parts of the story with familiar Easter signs and symbols including eggs, hot cross buns and chicks!



Jewish Education Visitor

At the start of the second Spring term we enjoyed a visit from Sharon Tagger from the York Liberal Jewish Community. She delivered a whole school interactive assembly where she explained the importance of Jewish traditions and shared Jewish artifacts with the children. Some children had the opportunity to handle the props and dress up. Sharon explained the significance of the Sabbath and lit the Sabbath candles. The children joined in with the actions and the blessing in Hebrew.



DID YOU KNOW?

Christianity

With some 2 billion followers, Christianity is the world's most widespread religion. Christianity is based on the life, death, and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. The religion has three main branches—Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism.

Christianity grew out of Judaism in the Middle East. In about 29CE a Jew named Jesus began to preach in Galilee. He attracted many followers because of his healing powers and his religious teachings. However, people in power feared that he might lead an uprising, and they put him to death. The Bible holds that Jesus rose from the dead three days after being put to death, spent 40 days on Earth, and then was taken up to heaven.

For many years, Jesus' followers continued to practice religion in the same way as Jews, except they believed that Jesus was a saviour sent from God. In the 1st century CE a missionary named Paul helped separate Christianity and Judaism into two distinct religions.