



Year 4 RE

What faiths make up our community and how can we make sure everyone belongs?

This unit looks at different places of worship in the local community and their significance to believers. If visits to different places of worship are not possible then try to encourage members of faith communities to come into school to discuss what happens in their place of worship and why it is important to them. It is important throughout this unit that teachers draw on how places of worship are used by the community as a whole e.g. playgroups, youth organisations, community groups.

Who can inspire us?

This unit will explore the concept of leadership and will be an introduction to Jesus, The Prophet Muhammad and Moses as important leaders for Christians, Muslims and Jews. Pupils will develop an awareness of the key figures in the Abrahamic religions and their teachings. They will learn about the specific characteristics of specific leaders, why they are inspirational and how they taught key elements of the faith through stories. Pupils will also have the opportunity to study a modern-day leader, analysing the impact they have had on society.

How do festivals use light as a symbol?

This unit will explore festivals of light from Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism, Paganism, Chinese New Year, Ancient Civilisations. It will consider how some festivals use light as a representation of hope, joy, remembrance and reflection.

What words of wisdom guide us?

This unit uses examples of 'words of wisdom' from Sikhs, Christians and Muslims to enable pupils to think for themselves about sources of guidance or wisdom in their own lives. Stories and sayings from the religions are used, not for skills of recall and memory, but for the opportunity they provide to reflect upon the pupils' own values and experiences. The aims of the unit, and the pedagogy that supports the aims, are reflective. The unit is a bit unusual because it uses 'experiential' methods for learning, methods of stilling, guided story and guided reflection to enable learning from religion that has the opportunity for spiritual development close to its heart.