

# Religious Education Special Edition Newsletter

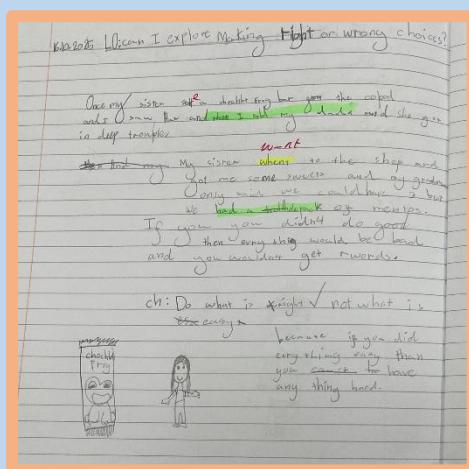
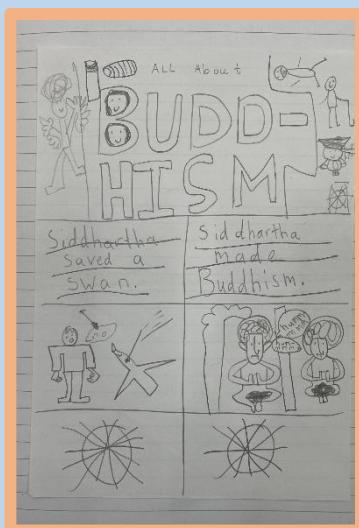
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## Welcome!

Our Religious Education curriculum continues to inspire curiosity, reflection and respect across the school. This year, pupils have deepened their understanding of different faiths through thoughtful classroom learning and memorable visits to places of worship.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	Buddhism - The Buddha	Christianity - Peace Unit	Christianity - The Bible	Sikhism - Sikh beliefs	Sikhism - Teaching and Life	Hinduism - God and Beliefs
Year 4	Judaism - Shabbat- a day of rest	Judaism - Festivals in Jewish Life	Christianity - Local Christian places of worship	Christianity - Christian Celebrations	Sikhism - The Gurdwara and The Guru Granth Sahib	Buddhism - Living as a Buddhist
Year 5	Islam - Ramadan and Id ul Fitr	Islam - Hajj and Id ul Adha	Hinduism - Pilgrimage	Christianity - Jesus Human and divine	Sikhism - Belonging to the Sikh community	Christianity - Leading a Christian Life
Year 6	Buddhism - Following the Buddha's teaching	Judaism - Abraham	Buddhism - The Buddhist community worldwide	The journey of Life and Death	Judaism - Prayer and worship	Understanding faiths and beliefs in Lewisham

## RE whole school overview



Y3

Y3 have been learning about Buddhism and Christianity, focusing on the life of the Buddha and his search for truth. Pupils explored key teachings such as kindness, compassion and empathy, and reflected on ideas of right and wrong. Through stories and discussion, children deepened their understanding of beliefs and values across different religions.



## Y4

Y4 visited a synagogue, giving pupils a valuable opportunity to learn about Jewish beliefs, traditions and worship in a real-life setting. Children explored the building, learned about important features such as the Torah, and discovered how faith plays an important role in Jewish community life.

### Pupil voice:

- **Alice:** *"We got to see the Torah and it had chains around it. It was great to see it in person!"*
- **Avanti:** *"We got to see a sukkah and it was really fun to see everything inside it!"*

## Y5

Y5 visited the Lewisham Islamic Centre, where they were warmly welcomed by the Imam. Pupils learned about Islamic beliefs, prayer and Hajj, and impressed visitors with their respect, kindness and understanding of different faiths.

### Pupil voice:

**Laurence:** *"I loved listening to my classmate read the Qur'an. It was very impressive."*

**Benji:** *"The Imam was really engaging and I loved hearing about Hajj from him."*



## Y6

Y6 loved their visit to a Buddhist temple. They learned about the life of the Buddha, listened to stories about Buddhist teachings and took part in meditation.

### Pupil voice:

**Maryum:** *"It was really calming because it was such a peaceful place. We sat on soft cushions and learned a lot because the person we met told us stories about Buddhism."*

**Daood:** *"It was a really entertaining experience because we learned about the life of the Buddha when he was human, and we also got to meditate, which was very relaxing."*

**Isha:** *"It was a really colourful and beautiful building. The visitor was very engaging and the pictures on the walls helped explain the life of the Buddha."*



## Looking forward

There's plenty more to come for the rest of the year and these upcoming visits and visitors will bring classroom learning to life through real experiences and conversations:

- **Y3** - Church visit, Sikh visitor to school
- **Y4** – Cathedral visit, Gurdwara visit
- **Y5** – Hindu Temple visit, Christian foodbank visit
- **Y6** - A range of visitors/visits to the local community