

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ELEANOR PALMER



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHING AND LEARNING AT ELEANOR PALMER

Our RE is designed to give children knowledge and understanding of different religions, empowering them to be respectful, inclusive citizens. Our curriculum reflects our diverse community in Camden, in London, across the UK and the world, ensuring that our children learn about the principles and practices of the major world faiths. It is enriched by community visits and visitors.

We teach about religion rather than through religion. To ensure deep, secure knowledge, we build upon the learning from previous years, returning to major faiths and layering new knowledge. We also introduce other major world faiths as children progress through our school. To enrich our RE curriculum and embed a real world understanding, we visit at least one place of worship for each major faith studied.

ENRICHMENT

Visits from parents and carers who share religious stories and explain festivals.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM CONTENT

KEY LEARNING

NURSERY

Families and special occasion

Be able to talk about their family members and key family events. Understand there are different jobs and ways of life.

RECEPTION

Families, special occasions, cultural customs and traditions

Be aware of important family customs and routines. Know about differences and similarities between communities and traditions.

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YEAR 1

Introduction to Islam, Islamic practices and Christianity

Begin to understand that Britain is a multi-faith society and that there are differences and similarities between faiths. Learn about key practices of Islam and understand what it means to be a Christian and who Jesus was.

ENRICHMENT Visit St Paul's Cathedral
Visit local church
Cooking and eating halal food.

YEAR 2

The sacred texts of Islam, Christian practices and religious festivals

Begin to understand that Britain is a multi-faith society and that there are differences and similarities between faiths. Learn about key rituals and traditions of Islam.

ENRICHMENT Visit Regents Park Mosque
Eid Party for children and families across the school.

YEAR 3

Introduction to Judaism, Christian teachings, actions and a study of Islamic art

Understand the different beliefs and practices of the Jewish faith. Discuss the evidence of Christianity in London (religious buildings, art and artefacts). Jesus's teaching about the poor and the importance of art and symbols in Islam.

ENRICHMENT Visit Jewish Museum
Visit South Hampstead Synagogue

YEAR 4

Learning about Christian art and stories, Islamic teachings, actions and an introduction to Sikhism.

Learn that Islam has five basic tenets of belief which underpin how Muslims live their lives. That religions offer believers a way of guiding them in their everyday actions. Introducing the main Sikh beliefs and their practices. Considering what biblical stories tell us about Christianity as well as what a church looks like.

ENRICHMENT Visit local church

YEAR 5

Ethics, Christianity and war, Islamic social action and introducing Hinduism

Consider how people make ethical decisions, how Christians respond to war as well as how Muslims help those in need. Introduce the key beliefs, practices and places of worship of the Hindu faith.

ENRICHMENT Visit Highgate Hill
Murugan Temple

YEAR 6

Introduction to Buddhism, religions around the world and a place study of Jerusalem

Understand that Christianity may look different around the world and consider what we can learn from historic faith leaders (Malala Yousafzai and St Oscar Romero). Introduce the key beliefs and practices of the Buddhist faith. Learn about Jerusalem, the city's religious history and why Jerusalem has been fought over across the centuries.

ENRICHMENT Visit to a Buddhist temple - North London Buddhist Centre or Fo Guan Shan London Temple

INTENDED OUTCOME BY THE END OF YEAR 6

Children will leave EP with a good knowledge of the diversity of religious beliefs in their local area, the UK and the world.

Children will be able to explore their own beliefs and build their sense of identity and belonging. The study of other faiths will link to work on British values and promote tolerance and inclusion of others.

Children will have developed a respect for the beliefs of others and understand that religious festivals punctuate the calendar and are important times when families and communities gather together.

