



RADDLEBARN'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Religious Education

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Hello and welcome to the newsletter. This week's newsletter will show you all the wonderful opportunities children are given in learning and experiencing different religions and cultures at Raddlebarn.

Thank you for taking your time reading this newsletter and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs N Ahmed

RE in the Curriculum

RE at Raddlebarn follows the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus which is a syllabus developed by Birmingham City Council. It follows 24 moral and cultural dispositions which cultivate and inspire children's understanding of different faiths.

Through this syllabus, children will learn about the following religions:

Christianity

Islam

Judaism

Hinduism

Buddhism

Sikhism

How we teach RE

Our approach to teaching at Raddlebarn enables our pupils to grasp a great understanding of the different religions. We do this through exposing the pupils to reading and understanding extracts from religious books and texts, through religious stories as well as through investigations on worldwide issues that interest them.

This year at Raddlebarn, we are hopeful for all year groups to undertake an enquiry approach to religious issues. This will involve exploring a key question which will be provided to the younger children or one they have thought of themselves. Pupils will have the opportunity to research and find out the answers to the enquiry as well as make comparisons with other world religions.

Trips and visitors

At Raddlebarn, we are extremely fortunate to have fantastic links with places of worship in our local community which allows pupils to have the opportunity to visit different places of worship. Where this is impossible, pupils have instead had the chance to learn about religious festivals and beliefs from visitors from different faiths. In previous years, we have visited St Stephen's Church as well Central Mosque. This year, we are hopeful pupils across the school will have the opportunity to make visits to various places of worship which will further engage our children and help them to have a greater understanding of the Britain they live in. Below are a list of places pupils will be visiting this year:

Year 1 - Church

Year 2 - Mosque

Year 3 - Gurdwara

Year 4 - Synagogue

Year 5 - Mandir

Year 6 - Cathedral

Experiential RE

Experiential RE is a tool used at Raddlebarn to allow pupils to be fully immersed in a multi-sensory and captivating environment.

This is done through the use of real artefacts which teach children religious traditions through various sensory methods and setting up the classroom as a stage to set religious scenes. At Raddlebarn, the children will have the opportunity to experience each of the six major religions twice before leaving in Year 6. Experiential RE is a lesson all pupils thoroughly enjoy across the school and is a lesson through which they gain a much better understanding, appreciation and acceptance of peers, friends and the community in which they live in.

