

A SPOTLIGHT ON RE AT RADDLEBARN

Religious Education

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Hello and welcome to the RE newsletter. This week's newsletter will show you all the wonderful opportunities children are given in learning and experiencing different religious traditions and non-religious worldviews 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. These dispositions are split into four tangible, interconnected aspects which are:

- Learning from experience
- Learning about Religious Traditions and non-religious worldviews
- Learning from Religious Traditions and non-religious worldviews
- Learning to Discern

Through this syllabus, children will learn about the following religions traditions and non-religious world views which are: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Bahá'í, Jainism, Rastafari, Agnosticism, Atheism, Humanism, Secularism and Nones.

Trips

Raddlebarn aims to allow pupils to have had the opportunity to visit a number of places throughout their time here. We are extremely fortunate to have fantastic links with places of worship in our local community which will allow them to have this opportunity. Previously, children have visited the Mosque, Church, Cathedral and Gurdwara.



Year 3 trip to Guru Nanak Gurdwara listening to hymns.

This year, we are very fortunate that we will be visiting the Mandir and a Buddhist temple as well. This will further engage our children in RE, build a better understanding of the community in which they live in and develop more tolerance and respect of people from different communities and faiths.



Year 5 trip to the Mandir.

Visitors



Year 1 Buddhist workshop focussing on meditation and artefacts.

Over the year, we have had my visits from members of different faith groups as well as parents who have led assemblies and workshops. So far, this year, we have had workshops led by members of the Bahai and Buddhist faiths with many more planned for the remaining academic year.

If you are interested in leading an RE workshop or assembly at Raddlebarn, please send an email to enuiry@radlbarn.bham.sch.uk FAO Mrs N Ahmed.



Year 3 taking part in a 19 day feast.

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.

How do our children feel about RE?

The children at Raddlebarn Primary School love the RE lessons as they can learn about different, faiths, beliefs and cultures that are practiced by their friends, peers and community. See below some of their comments from the recent RE pupil voice in which children shared what they love about RE, what they have learnt and how it helps them become a better citizen.

RE teaches me to not judge others and think that I am better than them. My nan has recently become a Buddhist so learning about Buddhism will help me to understand her more.

Graham Y4

Meditation calms you down when you have lots on your mind. It will help me when I am feeling worried or stressed.

Mahdina Y4

When we visited the Buddhist temple, I learnt how to be respectful. I learnt how to meditate and be at peace.

Ovi Y6

RE improves my relationship with my friends because it helps me to understand what they do and why they do it..

Mark Y5

RE stops me from discriminating and accept everyone as they are because you will understand them better.

Oliver Y5

I loved visiting the Gurdwara in Year 3 because I learnt so much about the Sikh faith. They even served us food at the end of the visit.

Hannah Y5