

KS2 LOWER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS

Religious Education in Lower Key Stage 2 helps children learn about a range of faiths and worldviews and understand how beliefs influence people's lives. They begin to make connections between different religions and their own experiences, developing curiosity, empathy, and respect for others.



RE aims to help children:

- Learn about major world religions and non-religious worldviews.
- Explore how beliefs are expressed through stories, festivals, symbols and traditions
- Reflect on what matters to themselves and others.
- Recognise shared values such as kindness, fairness, forgiveness, and respect.



Children will:

- Identify key beliefs and practices in Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism and Humanism.
- Learn about special places of worship, holy books and important festivals such as Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah and Easter.
- Explore how religious stories teach moral lessons, such as caring for others or standing up for what's right.
- Discover how symbols, food, music, art and clothing express faith and identity.
- Reflect on their own ideas about fairness, kindness and belonging.

Learning is practical and thoughtful – through stories, discussion, art, drama and visits.



Children will also:

- Think about questions such as: What makes a good leader?, Why do people pray?, or How do people show they care?
- Discuss how beliefs can inspire people to help others or look after the world.
- Listen to and respect different viewpoints.

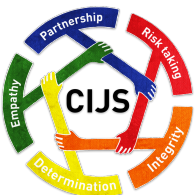
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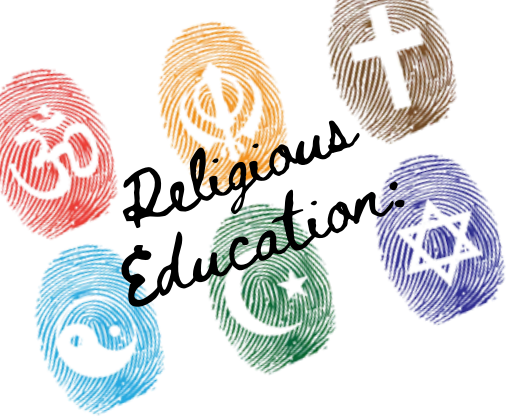
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Religious Education helps children:

- Understand their own and others' beliefs and values.
- Develop respect, tolerance and curiosity.
- Reflect on life's "big questions" with sensitivity.
- Build a sense of belonging within a diverse community.





KS2L How can I help my child at home?

You don't need to be religious to talk about beliefs – curiosity and open-mindedness make learning powerful.

Talk about your own family's values, traditions or celebrations.



Visit a place of worship or museum together and discuss what you see.

Read stories from different cultures and faiths



Encourage your child to ask questions about what people believe and why.

Watch children's TV programmes or documentaries that explore festivals and beliefs.



Discuss how kindness, honesty and fairness are important to everyone.