

RE Long Term Overview

Early Years – Hartlepool Agreed Syllabus

During the Early Years Foundation Stage, children may begin to explore the world of religion in terms of special people, books, times, places and objects and by visiting places of worship. They listen to and talk about stories. They may be introduced to religious words and concepts and use their senses in exploring religions and beliefs, practices and forms of expression. They begin to ask questions and reflect on their own feelings and experiences.

They use their imagination and curiosity to develop their appreciation and wonder of the world in which they live.

This Agreed Syllabus uses the following themes to explore religion:

- Special: special times, people, places, objects, books (this includes stories)
- Belonging: how belonging and identity are expressed.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	<p>Halloween – How is Halloween celebrated around the world?</p> <p>Investigate how Halloween is celebrated around the world (UK, Ireland, Mexico.) Compare similarities and difference and explore traditions including food/dishes that people eat.</p>	<p>How do different cultures use fireworks to celebrate?</p> <p>Explore how fireworks are used as part of celebrations. Diwali Bonfire Night South American Christmas New Years Eve.</p>	<p>Why did Noah build an ark?</p> <p>Explore who Noah was and why Christian's believe he was important. How does Noah's story link to rainbows?</p>	<p>What does fasting mean?</p> <p>Explore how religions 'fast' before/during significant events. Ramadan Shrove Tuesday.</p>	<p>Who cares for us?</p> <p>Share stories about important males from different religions (Abraham, Mohammad, Jesus, Moses.) Children to then celebrate the important men in their lives on Father's Day.</p>	<p>Who is King Charles III?</p> <p>Learn about the royal family and what their role is. Focus on King Charles III and his birthday celebrations on 21/06.</p>
Reception	<p>How is Harvest the same and different around the world?</p> <p>Explore the similarities and differences between Harvest celebrations in different countries: UK – Christian Harvest America Canada – Thanksgiving Italy - Oliviagando Festival Israel – Sukkot</p>	<p>Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?</p> <p>Learn about the Christmas story and the significant people from the nativity. Explore of Christmas is celebrated in a Christian Church.</p>	<p>What is Chinese New Year?</p> <p>Explore the similarities and difference between UK and China including their celebrations of the new year. Discuss the story of the great race and the creature of Nian.</p>	<p>Why do Christians celebrate Easter?</p> <p>Read stories about Jesus on the build up to Easter. What happened to him and why?</p>	<p>How can a birth of a baby be celebrated?</p> <p>Explore the similarities and difference between different religions and how they welcome a new baby. Christianity – christening/ baptism Islam – Aqidah Hinduism – Namkaran Sikhism - Naam Karan</p>	<p>Are weddings the same for different religions?</p> <p>Compare similarities and differences between wedding ceremonies and celebrations from different religions and cultures.</p>