



The R.E Curriculum

Intent	<p>At Abbey Woods Academy, our intent is to support our children in developing an outstanding level of religious understanding and knowledge. We aim to do this through engagement with a range of ultimate questions about the meaning and significance of existence. We want our children to ask significant and highly reflective questions about religion and demonstrate an excellent understanding of issues related to the nature, truth and value of religion. Above all, we want our children to develop a respect for other beliefs and religions and appreciate and celebrate the diverse world in which they live.</p>
Implementation	<p>Religious education is important in every child's development. At Abbey Woods, we follow an adapted Discovery R.E scheme of work which focuses on relating religious teaching back to children's own experiences of the world.</p> <p>Each year group covers three units on Christianity and three units on a different religion from Judaism Y1, Islam Y2/Y6, Hinduism Y3, Sikhism Y5 and Buddhism Y4.</p> <p>During each Key Stage, pupils are taught knowledge, and understanding through learning about various faiths and poses key questions to develop children's theological understanding.</p> <p>RE is taught in a block unit within a term to allow suitable links to be made to specific religious festivals taking place or to link in with other topics being taught.</p> <p>Attitudes which are fundamental to RE are: curiosity and wonder, commitment, fairness, respect, self- understanding, open-mindedness, critical mindedness and enquiry. These work alongside the British Values and The CARE values implemented within school as a whole.</p>
Impact	<p>The children at Abbey Woods Academy enjoy learning about other religions and why people choose, or choose not to follow a religion. Through their R.E. learning, the children are able to make links between their own lives and those of others in their community and in the wider world, developing an understanding of other people's cultures and ways of life.</p>

Year 1 Focus Religion: Christianity + Judaism	Year 2 Focus Religion: Christianity + Islam
Autumn 1 I can say how it felt to make something. I can remember the Christian Creation story and talk about it. I can express an opinion about the Christian belief about creation.	Autumn 1 can tell you when I have been kind to others even when it was difficult. I can re-tell a story Jesus told about being kind or give an example of when Jesus showed kindness. I can say if I think Christians should be kind and give a reason.
Autumn 2 I can talk about a gift that is special to me. I can remember some of the Christmas story. I can suggest a gift I would give to Jesus.	Autumn 2 I can say how I could help solve a problem by showing love. I can remember the Christmas story and start to explain that Christians believe Jesus was a gift from God. I can tell you why Christians think God gave Jesus to the world.
Spring 1 I can talk about my friends and why I like them. I can remember a story about Jesus showing friendship and talk about it. I can say how Jesus tried to be a good friend.	Spring 1 I can explain how it felt to have to stop doing something to reach the target we had set. I can use the right words to describe how Muslims pray and begin to explain why they do this. I can start to think through how praying 5 times a day might help in some ways more than others.
Spring 2 I can talk about a person I admire. I can recall parts of the Easter story. I can recognise some symbols in the story. I can start to show understanding that Jesus is special to Christians and say why.	Spring 2 I can say what I believe happens to you when you die and tell you how I remember people close to me. I can recall what Christians believe happened on Easter Sunday. I can start to suggest a different explanation as to what happened to Jesus after the empty tomb and offer my opinion
Summer 1 I can tell you which is my favourite day of the week and talk about food I would like to share in a special meal. I can use the right names for things that are special to Jewish people during Shabbat and explain why. I can start to make a connection between being Jewish and decisions about behaviour.	Summer 1 I can understand how meeting in a certain place could make me feel like I belong. I can explain what happens when Muslims pray alone or at the mosque. I can talk about how Muslims feel a sense of belonging when they are with other Muslims or when they pray on their own and say why this might be
Summer 2 I can say how it feels to say sorry and what I have said sorry for. I can tell you something that either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur is about. I can choose a picture and give my thinking on why this might be important to Jewish children at Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.	Summer 2 I can tell you about a special journey and why it was special to me. I can remember some of the events that happen during Hajj and start to explain why these are important to Muslims. I can start to think about the significance of Hajj to a Muslim.

Year 3 Focus Religion: Christianity + Hinduism	Year 4 Focus Religion: Christianity + Buddhism
Autumn 1 I can tell you three important actions I could take to support a group I belong to. I can discuss my understanding of my group's symbol. I can describe some of the ways Hindus celebrate Divali and start to explain how I think Hindu children might feel at Divali. I can start to say why Divali might bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.	Autumn 1 I can start to show an understanding of why people think it is difficult to be happy all the time. I can tell you some of the things Siddhattha did to try to be happy and explain why I think they didn't work for him. I can begin to show an understanding of what being happy means to Buddhists
Autumn 2 I can explain what Christmas means to me and talk about whether this involves giving and receiving gifts. I can start to explain the Christian belief that Jesus was God in human form and why God gave him to the world. I can start to tell you what Christmas means to Christians and what it means to me.	Autumn 2 I can design a symbolic object to show the significance of Christmas or the Christmas holiday to me. I can describe one thing a Christian might learn about Jesus from a Christmas symbol. I can ask questions about what Christmas means to Christians and compare this with what it means to me.
Spring 1 I can talk about some of the things in the world that people think of as miracles and begin to tell you about a miracle I would like to see happen today. I can explain one Christian viewpoint about one of Jesus' healing miracles. I can start to say whether I believe Jesus actually healed people or not.	Spring 1 I can suggest why there may be problems in the world and how people could help solve them. I can recall one of the Buddha's stories and start to explain what the Buddha was teaching through it. I can give an example of how Buddhists could learn from this and put the teaching into practice to make the world a better place.
Spring 2 I can suggest how a person may rescue/help others who are in difficult situations. I can start to tell you why Christians believe Jesus' death is important. I can start to reflect on whether I agree with Christian beliefs about Jesus' death	Spring 2 I can talk about what sort of help I might need to show forgiveness. I can describe what a Christian might learn about forgiveness from a Biblical text. I can show an understanding of how Christians believe God can help them show forgiveness.
Summer 1 can explain some of the different roles I play whilst still being me. I can describe what a Hindu might believe about one of the Hindu gods and start to understand that Brahman is in everything. I can recognise what I think about some Hindu beliefs about Brahman and gods, showing respect to Hindus	Summer 1 I can describe one of my 'good' choices and the consequence of it. I can also explain the consequences of making a different choice. I can describe how aspects of the 8-fold path would help Buddhists know how to live good lives. I can start to tell you why some aspects of the 8-fold path might be hard for some Buddhists to stick to.
Summer 2 I can explain why water is important to Hindus. I can describe a Hindu ritual that happens at/in the River Ganges and explain why this is important and significant to the Hindus taking part in it. I can empathise with the special feelings a Hindu might experience when taking part in a ritual at the River Ganges.	Summer 2 I can explain some of the feelings my special place gives me and suggest why that is. I can describe some of the ways Christians use churches to worship/celebrate Holy Communion or participate in baptism. I can start to understand the impact a Christian's special place has on him/her.

Year 5 Focus Religion: Christianity + Sikhism	Year 6 Focus Religion: Christianity + Islam
Autumn 1 I can identify the different levels of commitment I show to different things and explain these priorities. I can make links between how Sikhs practise their religion and the beliefs that underpin this. I can respectfully ask questions about some of the ways Sikhs choose to behave and the levels of commitment they show.	Autumn 1 I can show an understanding of why people show commitment in different ways. I can describe how different practices enable Muslims to show their commitment to God and understand that some of these will be more significant to some Muslims than others. I can think of some ways of showing commitment to God that would be better than others for Muslims.
Autumn 2 can start to explain how ‘true’ could mean different things to different people, and how stories can be ‘true’ in different ways. I can start to explain the Christian belief that Jesus was the Incarnation of God. I can start to express an opinion on whether the Christmas story is true and what this might mean to Christians.	Autumn 2 I can explain the qualities needed in different people because of the important jobs they are chosen to do. I can make links between the Virgin Birth and Christian beliefs about Jesus (Incarnation). I can start to consider my own response to the Christian belief in the Virgin birth, showing respect to Christian views.
Spring 1 I can explain how some stories can teach people about what is important and how to behave. I can recognise that stories can be an important way of expressing belief and meaning and can explain the relevance of a Sikh story. I can explain how some stories can teach Sikhs about what is important in life and relate this to non-Sikhs.	Spring 1 I can express the feelings I have when I think about situations or things I would like to last forever. I can make links between different Christian beliefs and their views on whether anything is ever eternal. I can reflect on my own beliefs about whether anything is eternal
Spring 2 I can give an example of someone with a strong sense of purpose for their life and give my opinions on this. I can start to explain whether God intended Jesus to be crucified or whether Jesus’ crucifixion was the consequence of events during Holy Week. I can start to express my opinion about Jesus’ crucifixion being his destiny/purpose.	Spring 2 I can explain how the influence people have had on me has affected what I see as important. I can explain how one of the reasons people use to suggest that Christianity is a strong religion today can be counteracted. I can give my opinion as to whether Christianity is a strong religion now and say why I think this.
Summer 1 I can show an understanding of why people show commitment in different ways. I can describe how different practices enable Sikhs to show their commitment to God and understand that some of these will be more significant to some Sikhs than others. I can start to express what I think about the best way a Sikh could show commitment to God.	Summer 1 I can give examples of times my choices have been influenced and may have changed when I considered the consequences that might follow. I can explain how believing in Akhirah influences Muslims to do their best to lead good lives. I can recognise what motivates or influences me to lead a good life and compare it with what motivates and influences Muslims
Summer 2 I can show an understanding of why people show commitment in different ways. I can describe how different practices enable Christians to show their commitment to God and understand that some of these will be more significant to some Christians than others. I can explain why I think some ways of showing commitment to God would be better than others for Christians.	Summer 2 I can start to explain how my beliefs about right and wrong make a difference to how I see things. I can explain two different Muslim interpretations of Jihad and explore their justifications for these. I can explore my own and other people’s attitudes towards interpretations of Jihad and recognise and challenge stereotyping

