

Cromwell Academy
RE Overview

Characteristics

- o An outstanding level of religious understanding and knowledge.
- o A thorough engagement with a range of ultimate questions about the meaning and significance of existence.
- o The ability 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.
- o A strong understanding of how the beliefs, values, practices and ways of life within any religion cohere together.
- o Exceptional independence; the ability to think for themselves and take the initiative in, for example, asking questions, carrying out investigations, evaluating ideas and working constructively with others.
- o Significant levels of originality, imagination or creativity, which are shown in their responses to their learning in RE.
- o The ability to link the study of religion and belief to personal reflections on meaning and purpose.
- o A wide knowledge and deep understanding across a wide range of religions and beliefs.

	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
To understand beliefs and teachings	Understand similarities and differences between communities and traditions.	Describe some of the teachings of a religion. Describe some of the main festivals or celebrations of a religion.	Present the key teachings and beliefs of a religion. Refer to religious figures and holy books to explain answers.	Explain how some teachings and beliefs are shared between religions. Explain how religious beliefs shape the lives of individuals and communities.
To understand practices and lifestyles	<i>Understand that others don't always enjoy the same things and are sensitive to this.</i>	Recognise, name and describe some religious artefacts, places and practices.	Identify religious artefacts and explain how and why they are used. Describe religious buildings and explain how they are used. Explain some of the religious practices of both clerics and individuals.	Explain the practices and lifestyles involved in belonging to a faith community. Compare and contrast the lifestyles of different faith groups and give reasons why some within the same faith may adopt different lifestyles. Show an understanding of the role of a spiritual leader.
To understand how beliefs are conveyed	Enjoys joining in with family customs and routine.	Name some religious symbols. Explain the meaning of some religious symbols.	Identify religious symbolism in literature and the arts.	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs.
To reflect	Talk about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.	Identify the things that are important in their own lives and compare these to religious beliefs. Relate emotions to some of the experiences of religious figures studied. Ask questions about puzzling aspects of life.	Show an understanding that personal experiences and feelings influence attitudes and actions. Give some reasons why religious figures may have acted as they did. Ask questions that have no universally agreed answers.	Recognise and express feelings about their own identities. Relate these to religious beliefs or teachings. Explain their own ideas about the answers to ultimate questions. Explain why their own answers to ultimate questions may differ from those of others.

<p>To understand values</p>	<p>Know about similarities and differences between themselves and others.</p>	<p>Identify how they have to make their own choices in life.</p> <p>Explain how actions affect others.</p> <p>Show an understanding of the term 'morals'.</p>	<p>Explain how beliefs about right and wrong affect <i>people's behaviour</i>.</p> <p>Describe how some of the values held by communities or individuals affect behaviour and actions.</p> <p>Discuss and give opinions on stories involving moral dilemmas.</p>	<p>Explain why different religious communities or individuals may have a different view of what is right and wrong.</p> <p>Show an awareness of morals and right and wrong beyond rules (i.e. wanting to act in a certain way despite rules).</p> <p>Express their own values and remain respectful of those with different values.</p>
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