



Ethical Studies Curriculum Plan Overview

Year 8			
Term	Topic	Learning	How can parents' best support
Autumn 1	What does it mean to be a Christian? How do Christians treat other people? Prejudice and discrimination	Introduce ethical studies to students and Christian beliefs and behaviours – prejudice and discrimination. Learn about key beliefs and practices within the religion of Christianity.	Consider Christian values in our daily lives.
Assessment:			
Autumn 2	Ethical dilemmas	Learn about where we get our values from and how we know the difference between right and wrong. Know how to respect others opinions even if they are different to our own.	Discuss making the right choices; right/wrong actions and how they affect others.
Assessment:			
Spring 1	What does it mean to be a Buddhist? Buddhist teachings about animal rights.	Discuss animal rights. Consider the Buddhist religion and teachings about how animals should be treated. Learn about key beliefs and practices within the religion of Buddhism.	Look at pictures of the Buddha, statues if available and consider the main teachings of the Buddha.
Assessment:			
Spring 2	What does it mean to be a Sikh? Sikh teachings about planet earth and the environment	Learn about key beliefs and practices within the religion of Sikhism. Relate them to the topic of how we should treat planet earth and the environment.	Discuss Sikhism and compare to other religions known about. Where is the holy place?
Assessment:			
Summer 1	What does it mean to be a Hindu? Hindu teachings about rich and poor people in society.	Learn about key beliefs and practices within the religion of Hinduism. Relate understanding to the topic of rich and poor people in society.	Look at the different gods and goddesses there are in Hinduism.
Assessment:			
Summer 2	What does it mean to be a Muslim? Islamic teachings about war and peace.	Consider the topic of 'war and peace'. Focus of Islamic teachings regarding war and peace. Learn about key beliefs and practices within the religion of Islam.	Discuss the religion of Islam if the topic arises; point out the local Mosque if applicable.
Assessment:			