



Ethical Studies Curriculum Plan Overview

Year 8				
Term	Topic	Learning	How can parents' best support	Key Vocabulary
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.	Prejudice, discrimination, racism, oppression, hate crime.
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 from our own.	Discuss making the right choices; right/wrong actions and how they affect others.	Right/wrong, decisions, consequence, what will happen if....? Balance, respect.
Assessment:				
Spring 1	What does it mean to be a Buddhist? Buddhist art work.	Consider Buddhism, art and spirituality. How and why do Buddhists meditate? 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. Discuss art in Buddhism - what is a mandala and how do Buddhists meditate?	Buddhism, spirituality, mandala, meditation.
Assessment:				
Spring 2	What does it mean to be a Sikh? Does religion help people to be good?	Learn about key beliefs and practices within the religion of Sikhism. How do Sikhs behave? Where is the guidance and does their religion help them to be 'good?'	Discuss Sikhism and compare it to other religions known about. Where is the holy place?	Sikh, Sikhism, Guru Granth Sahib, the 5 K's Guru Nanak, Gurdwara.
Assessment:				
Summer 1	What does it mean to be a Hindu? Hindu teachings about rich and poor people	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.	Hindu, Hinduism, reincarnation, dharma, Mandir, Ganesh, re-born, re-birth.

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Assessment:				
Summer 2	<p>What does it mean to be a Muslim ?</p> <p>Islamic teachings about war and peace.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Discuss the religion of Islam if the topic arises; point out the local Mosque if applicable.</p> <p>Discuss relevant news stories - how hard is it to be a British teenage Muslim in the UK?</p>	<p>Islam, Muslims, Islamophobia, prayer, prayer mat, mosque, Eid-ul-Fitr, 5 Pillars of Faith.</p>