

**RE at
Almond Hill Junior School
2023-2024**



Subject Intent Statement

At Almond Hill, children are taught in a range of ways including using visits and artefacts, about the 6 major world religions and are encouraged to make links about the things that unite us. Children cover all the areas in the Hertfordshire Agreed Syllabus of Religious Education. Their knowledge helps them to become more understanding and tolerant of others and helps them to identify intolerance. Children understand the beliefs and practices of themselves and others, they can consider in quiet reflection and can discuss ultimate questions from differing viewpoints.

Implementation

RE is taught weekly at Almond Hill. All children learn about Christianity plus at least one other religion per year group. This builds on what is taught at KS1 linking their learning on Christianity and that of Islam, linked in Y3. Each skill is part of a spiral curriculum so skills are revisited and built upon. We use the Hertfordshire Agreed Syllabus of Religious Education 2017-2022, and use the non-statutory guidance 'Religion for Today and Tomorrow' to help inform our planning. We use a range of teaching techniques and activities that may not result in a written outcome, including discussion, debate, quiet reflection and drama. Children have opportunities to go on visits and have visitors to speak to, and lessons build on this first-hand experience. Any child that follows a religion is able to build on and explore their faith whilst others consider what these ideas mean to them. Children are prompted to reflect on their current knowledge and links to their own lives.

Topics/Units Across the Key Stage **under review 2023-24 – topics may be changed**

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
3	Christian worship and symbols Islamic beliefs and practices Christmas	Religious communities and commitments Similarities in Christianity and Islam	What is right? What is fair? Ultimate questions
4	Symbols The importance of sharing food Worship in a Sikh home Christmas	Belonging and commitment Prayer Celebrations including Easter	Special books and sacred texts Morals and values
5	Jewish rules for living Light as a symbol Christmas	Celebrations related to key figures in Judaism and Christianity	Leaders in religious communities Creation stories and the ultimate questions they raise
6	Christian and Buddhist beliefs and practices Suffering Christmas	Expressing faith in art, drama and song The importance of Jesus	Ideas about God Human responsibility for the environment

Progression of skills

Area	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Beliefs and practices	Describe features of the different religions studied and begin to make connections including rituals, the way festivals are celebrated. Be able to explain the reasons behind some of these features	Describe, make connections and reflect upon different features of the religions studied and discover more about the significance of pilgrimage, worship and the rituals which mark important points in life including the joy of celebrations	Describe, make connections and reflect on some religious views studied, using specific religious vocabulary about how celebrations and key moments in life are marked by different communities	Describe, make connections and reflect on some religious and worldviews studied, using specific religious vocabulary about how celebrations and key moments in life are marked by different communities
Sources of wisdom	Describe and interpret a range of stories and artefacts. Be able to ask questions about them and why they might impact on individual believers	Show awareness, describe and interpret a range of stories, sacred writings, psalms, poems, hymns, prayers and artefacts. Develop an understanding of the impact on individual believers	Show awareness, describe and interpret a range of stories, sacred writings, psalms, poems, hymns, prayers and artefacts. Recognising the impact on individual believers and developing an understanding of the impact on communities.	Show awareness, respond to and interpret a range of stories, sacred writings, and sources of wisdom, recognising the impact within different communities and on individual believers
Symbols and actions	Give examples of how different beliefs and actions communicate meaning. Notice and begin to describe some similarities between communities	Explain how a range of beliefs, symbolic expressions and actions (verbal and non-verbal) can communicate meaning to individual followers. Describe some similarities between communities	Compare how and why a range of beliefs, expressions and actions communicate different meaning to individuals within communities. Identify and describe similarities and differences between communities.	Compare how and why a range of beliefs, expressions and actions communicate different meaning to individuals within communities. Identify and describe similarities and differences between and within communities
Prayer, worship and reflection	Describe why and where worshippers connect to prayer and worship. Participate in periods of stillness and quiet thought	Describe why and where worshippers connect to prayer and worship. Participate in periods of stillness and quiet thought and where	Describe why and where worshippers connect to prayer, worship and sacred spaces. Participate in periods of stillness and quiet thought and	Through enquiry and experience, demonstrate worshipper's connection to prayer, faith and sacred spaces

	and begin to express their reflections	appropriate express personal reflections	where appropriate express personal reflections	
Identity and belonging	Talk with others about how belonging to a faith community might help an individual. Discuss what a leader does, why and why they might help others	Show an understanding of some of the challenges individuals face when belonging to a faith community. Demonstrate how it may help them. Explore how some religious people are guided by their religious leaders	Show and express insights into the challenges of individual commitment, belonging and faith. Raise questions about how leadership helps themselves others in their lives	Show and express insights into the challenges of individual commitment, belonging and faith. Raise questions on guidance and leadership in their own and others' lives
Ultimate questions	Respond to a range of 'how' and 'why' questions, and ask 'if' questions, about making sense of the world, expressing personal reflections	Respond to a range of challenging 'if' and 'why' questions about making sense of the world, expressing personal reflections	Present some views, including their own, in answer to questions about belonging and meaning	Present a range of views and answers to challenging questions about belonging, meaning and truth
Human responsibility and values	Discuss situations where people show and care for others, including in and across religious communities. Discuss the reasons why people do this.	Illustrate how diverse communities can live together respectfully sharing the same important values and sense of responsibility	Discuss understanding of how communities can live together respectfully, naming important values that they share. Understand how religions shape responsibility for their followers. Link responsibility and values to the stories they know	Explain how diverse communities can live together identifying common values, justice, respect and shared human responsibility. Use personal and critical responses to challenge how individual and collective responsibility is shaped by faith and belief
Justice and fairness	Consider and discuss questions on rules (in their lives and religious rules) including choices about what is right and wrong, just and fair	Consider and discuss questions on matters that are important in the world including choices about what is right and wrong	Ask and begin to answer challenging questions applying their own and others ideas about responsibility and what is right and wrong, (including in the context of religious rules and values) considering the possible effects of different choices.	Evaluate and ask challenging questions applying their own and others ideas about responsibility and what is right and wrong, considering the possible effects of different moral choices.

Developments in RE at Almond Hill

At Almond Hill, we know that it is important to store facts in our long-term memories. We are developing our RE curriculum to allow us to remember more important facts so that we can apply these using the 8 skills from the Hertfordshire Agreed Syllabus. We will do this by taking part in recap quizzes each lesson and making sure that our curriculum is spiral and builds on our previous knowledge. We hope that these changes will allow us a greater and deeper understanding of all religions.