



Religious Studies Curriculum Overview - EYFS

		Unit	Details
Autumn One	Me and My World		As we explore our sense of self throughout the Autumn term, we begin to learn about our immediate local community and culture through key festivals such as Harvest, Bonfire Night, Halloween. We begin to pick up on the theme of light which links many festivals and religious events throughout the year from our own and other cultures and countries. As we make Diya lamps we think about the significance of light to Hindu's using the story of Rama and Sita. This lays the foundations of our understanding of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah with a focus on the menorah as a continuing symbol of light. The Christian festival of Christmas provides children with the opportunity to begin to understand Christian's beliefs that Jesus is the light of the world, which culminates in a visit to Church for our Christmas service.
Autumn Two	Autumn Celebrations/Winter Wonderland		
Spring One	Once upon a Time		In Springtime, growing is very much our learning theme and as such spring flowers give us an opportunity to make links to new life and the concept of Jesus' role in the Easter story. We celebrate this through adding Spring flowers to the cross learning about the symbol of the cross and why it is important to Christians: a direct link to the Easter story. We use famous artists' impressions of significant events during Holy Week to ascertain what happened and why Christians consider this the most important event of the Liturgical year. Australia Day allows us an insight into other cultures and belief systems which enables children to begin to compare and contrast to our local culture and belief systems at a simple level.
Spring Two	Bugs, Buds and Blooms		
Summer One	Globetrotter		Through our Globetrotting and Treasure topics we learn about life in this country and that of others drawing upon what we have already know and remember and building upon this. Eid al-Adha, also known as the Greater Eid is an important Muslim festival celebrated with visits to family and friends, a special meal and giving gifts or money to children. We use this Muslim festival to explore its differences and similarities to the way we celebrate in our own families and communities.
Summer Two	Treasure		