

Autumn Term
Who am I and where do I belong? To explore questions of identity e.g. what makes them special and unique, valuing others etc. as well as thinking about the different places where they ‘belong’. Pupils should also consider how new babies are welcomed into the world as way of celebrating the uniqueness of a new life, and investigate different ways in which different people show they ‘belong’.
Why do we have celebrations? To explore the idea of ‘celebration’ as an important religious concept, the starting point being the celebrations that are a part of the lives of the pupils in your class. This learning creates significant opportunities to help pupils to see the world through the eyes of others and to understand that celebrations can help us to understand more about what different people believe.
Understanding Christianity unit – Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas? Christians believe God came to Earth in human form as Jesus. Christians believe Jesus came to show that all people are precious and special to God.
Spring Term
What can we learn from stories? To explore a wide range of stories and picture books, religious and secular. They will use their favourite stories as examples of what makes a story special to them and begin to think about the fact that some stories are special to people because they are about God or linked to their religion. They will also consider whether stories can teach people things.
Understanding Christianity unit – Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? Christians remember Jesus’ last week at Easter. Jesus’ name means ‘He saves’. Christians believe Jesus came to show God’s love. Christians try to show love to others.
Summer Term
What makes something or a place special? To think about the different ways in which an object might be considered ‘precious’ or ‘special’, including religious artefacts – and begin to articulate why this is. It is an important question to help children to realise that something that is precious to them might not be to someone else and vice versa. To know that places are special for different people and that some places hold special memories. They will begin to understand that some people go to special buildings to pray to or be close to God.
Understanding Christianity unit - Why is the word God so important to Christians? The word God is a name. Christians believe God is the creator of the universe. Christians believe God made our wonderful world and so we should look after it.

