

RE at SSJS

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Priorities

SSJS follow the Durham Syllabus for RE

The three elements of RE are:

- Knowledge and Understanding
- Critical Thinking
- Personal Reflection

Each of these elements is visited in each lesson.

World religions taught: **Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.**

Diversity is threaded throughout the whole curriculum.

Each unit is an enquiry-led unit with an overarching key question, which is broken down into smaller questions.

Disciplinary and substantive knowledge is planned for and taught in each lesson.

The curriculum is adapted for all learners to access.

Personal Reflection happens in each lesson but some lessons are planned to have a specific focus on personal reflection.

Provision

Whole School/Assemblies – religious assemblies are held fortnightly

Class – whole-class teaching once a week

Trips and Visitors:

Year 3

In Autumn term, pupils have workshops led by our local Hindu Education Centre (Newcastle Temple). These are rich and full of artefacts and hands on experiences for the pupils.

In Spring term, pupils visit the local churches.

Year 4

In Spring term, local clergy visit school to answer questions about Lent and Easter and in summer term, year 4 visit Durham Cathedral.

Year 5

Our local Jewish community provides an online Q and A in Autumn term.

Year 6

In Spring term, year 6 have a Q and A session with an international Ethics professor and in Summer term they visit the Hindu temple as part of their study of religions and the environment.

Special Days/ Festivals

Harvest Festival with local clergy. Proceeds are given to local charities.

Inter Faith Week (November) – there is a special assembly and work in class.

Christmas Carol Service at the local church is held in December and we welcome parents, friends and pupils to this.

Christmas Celebration of the Nativity story for parents

Chinese New Year is celebrated in classes.

Lent and Easter assemblies are held in school and local clergy support these,

Eid and Ramadan are noted and celebrated.

Assessment

At the end of each unit, pupils are assessed on the key substantive and disciplinary knowledge identified in that unit.

Resources

Religious artefacts are used across all the religions.

Durham Learning resources provide boxes of books for units.

Coordinator provides key texts for each unit.