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Diocesan School Adviser's RE Newsletter Spring 2 2023

From your Diocesan Schools' Adviser

Hello all,

Many thanks to those who attended the zoom network meeting this week. It is great to see so many faces and hear about your accomplishments in the RE classroom. Particularly impressive to hear about so many trips to places of worship taking place in the eastern area.

This issue contains slides shared at the network meeting. If you were unable to attend please take a few minutes to read through the latest RE news and share with interested colleagues. Plenty of spaces left on syllabus training and the annual RE subject leaders update later in the year.

If you want an RE visit I am currently taking bookings for the end of the summer term. Do get in touch before I run out of space!

Kind regards,

Gemma 📀

Gemma Taylor

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Annual RE Subject Leader Update

A key update for all RE subject leaders

Wednesday 14th June 2023

Or for those who can't make it:

Thursday 22nd June 2023

9.30-12pm via zoom

Please email Jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org to book £60 church schools £120 other schools



If you don't attend any other training please attend this one!

 Keep up to date with RE national developments and more

NEXT NETWORK DATE: Thursday 29th June 2023

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89304546397?pwd=RXc ra1hGUGZwM3dDSzRwVmMvdk9hZz09 Meeting ID: 893 0454 6397 Passcode: 207510

Attend if you can!



I will continue to meet with you all termly via these zoom networks. However I would like to see if there is also any interest for meeting in person.

It would be helpful if you could click on the following short survey link to give your opinion:

https://forms.gle/Yg1ScyGDDNZ7q5xe8

Thank you.



Update – the syllabus 2023 training





RE in C of E schools

This is a statement from the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) which promotes RE and Collective Worship in this diocese. The DBE is making the following recommendations to church schools and their governing bodies due to Suffolk County Council issuing a new Agreed Syllabus for RE to be implemented by September 2023.



Recommendations of the **Diocesan Board of Education**

All Church of England schools should be committed to excellence in Religious Education, offering real educational challenge in their provision, and striving for outstanding standards in both RE teaching and learning.

In all C of E schools in this diocese, the DBE recommends:

- the Suffolk Agreed Syllabus for RE 2023 should be used for RE curriculum planning
- · the headteacher and governing body should ensure appropriate provision of time and resources for the implementation of the Agreed Syllabus 2023 (or any modifications needed in Aided schools or academies) and ensure planning and assessment are properly addressed
- RE teaching should be enriched in all schools e.g. through celebration days with an RE focus for Christian Festivals, close relations with a parish church, use of an 'Open the Book' team
- · pupils should learn to value RE learning and receive positive messages about the value of the subject
- · staff, including ECTs, HLTAs and TAs should receive positive support and training for teaching RE well
- · RE Subject Leaders should receive training, attend diocesan courses and RE networks, and be encouraged to develop their professional knowledge
- serious consideration should be given to achieving either the <u>Suffolk Widening</u>. Inclusivity in RE (WIRE) award or the RE Quality Mark (REQM) award
- regular contact should be maintained with the Diocesan Schools' Adviser. local churches and the Cathedral

Who is the syllabus for?

- All maintained schools •
- All C of E schools
- Academies who choose to implement it



Please sign up for new syllabus training for all RE subject leaders:

New date – 13 th June!		9.30-12.00	Zoom for Church of England schools and academies	Gemma Taylor, Schools' Adviser	£60 for subscribing schools /£120 for others	
	Tuesday 23 May 2023	9.30-12.00	Zoom for Community primaries and academies	Gemma Taylor, Schools' Adviser	£60 for subscribing schools /£120 for others	

Enquiries to the Education Administrator: <u>Jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org</u>

The syllabus is a statutory document for locally maintained schools and <u>must be implemented for</u> September 2023 at the latest. Academies are invited to adopt the new syllabus. All Church of England academies are advised to do so by the DBE.

Update – FREE ADDITIONAL syllabus training for your school staff



New Syllabus Staff Training for teachers of RE

- This session can be used by RE subject leaders as an introduction to the syllabus for their teachers. Saves time rather than having to put together your own staff meeting!
- Monday 5th June 2023 via zoom 3.45-5pm. All schools can attend live. The session will also be recorded and shared for schools to use later.
- No charge
- Join Zoom Meeting
- <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89740054538?pwd</u> =VjQ1ZUcyQnJvNWVCQXk5UThLaFpJZz09

Update – FREE ADDITIONAL syllabus training for whole school training



New Syllabus 'check in chats' for teachers of RE by phase

- These optional drop-in sessions are for teachers of certain phases to access additional support about implementing the new syllabus.
- No charge
- Mors information to follow. All via zoom 3.30-4.30pm.

EYFS Monday 3rd July

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85059170209?pwd=aDJITVIFNEg3Vm1YV09yYk10emtsUT09

KS1 Tuesday 4th July

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86225088047?pwd=RE1LT1d3d0hVVjlMdmlUeGN0THlqdz09 LKS2 Thursday 6th July

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85044347147?pwd=cWxscGphb1JjRXFIZjREdXIKeGZSZz09

UKS2 Monday 10th July

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81645103681?pwd=c2IRS0FzQVJUY0ZNNURXRTdwdEVaUT09

Update – NEW KS1 Emmanuel Project unit



The Emmanuel Project 2023 ~ An RE scheme of work for primary schools ~ education@cofesuffolk.org



Year group:	1 Term: Autumn Date:	: Class:
How does a	Hindu celebrate devotion to festival of Holi?	o a deity at the
Teachers will enable appropriate to their	pupils to be able to achieve some of the	se outcomes, as
Working towards:	Expected:	Greater depth:
Pupils can talk about celebrations within their own lives. They can recognise and recall some of the practices and stories of Holi with support.	Pupils can describe Holi as a colourful festival celebrated by many Hindus. They can recall parts of the stories Holi celebrates such as Prahlad and Holika or by giving an example of how Krishna played tricks on others. Pupils demonstrate an understanding that Hindus have different deities and may recall the name of some. They understand that some Hindu families have a shrine and can talk about how they are used with some prompting.	n/a
	Ultimately, pupils understand the key idea from this unit: Holi is an important festival where many Hindus show their love for God.	
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KS1 How does a Hindu celebration devotion to a deity at the festival of Holi?



What should we be able to do?

Recognise pictures of Holi being celebrated in different ways. Recall some of the details of the Prahlad and Holika story.

Know Krishna liked to play tricks. Describe a Hindu shrine.

What words should we understand and be able to use?

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Holi	A Hindu festival which celebrates spring, love and new life.	Vishnu	Vishnu is a very important Hindu God. The preserver and protector of the universe.
Krishna	A popular Hindu deity.	Radha	A milkmaid who Krishna was devoted to.
Shrine	A shrine contains important objects that are used for worship.	Deity	Another word for 'God.' The Hindu deities are the Gods and Goddesses in Hinduism.



Provided FREE to delegates who attend the new syllabus training.

Golden Rule	Do to others what you would have them do to you	Empathy	Standing in someone else's shoes
Conscience	Your own sense of right or wrong	Morality	Knowing what is right or wrong, good or bad
Theist	Someone who believes in God	Atheist	Someone who does not believe in God
Agnostic	Someone who believes it is impossible to know for sure if God exists	Worldview	Your way of seeing and understanding the world

Why do humanists use the golden rule as a basis for morality?						
Teachers will enable pupils to be able to achieve some of these outcomes, as						
appropriate to their a Working towards:	ge and stage: Expected:	Greater depth:				
Pupils can recall the Golden Rule. They may recall some of the stories from the enquiry. However, they are unable to make the link to empathy, or thinking through actions with an awareness of consequences.	Pupils can describe humanists as a philosophy, worldview or way of life. They understand that humanists do not believe in God or any supernatural power. Children make reference to the Golden Rule, empathy, kindness or thinking through consequences of actions when talking about how humanists make decisions about what is right or wrong.	n/a				
	Ultimately, pupils understand the key idea from this unit:					
	Humanists believe morality does not come					
	from God. We all have to decide what is right and wrong based on reason, empathy and consequences.					
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Spring

Term:

Date:

Class:

KS2 Why do humanists use the golden rule as a basis for morality?



- Describe how humanists make decisions about what is right
- Recognise different forms of the Golden Rule in religions and cultures
- Explain what empathy is and why Humanists consider it an important value
- Understand that not everyone believes in God.

How much Christianity should I be teaching? Church schools only

Church schools

 Church schools should follow the guidelines in the 2019 <u>RE Statement of Entitlement for</u> <u>Church Schools.pdf (churchofengland.org)</u> This includes the requirement to teach at least 50% Christianity in each year group. This includes C of E academies.

The only type of church school unable to teach 50% Christianity at KS2 are Local Authority VC schools. These schools have to follow the syllabus and should add in additional Christianity RE days to make their offer more in line with the 50% the statement of entitlement expects.

However...

Teaching 50% Christianity at KS2 means children will lose out on learning more about Jewish, Sikh and Buddhist belief. Schools should consider other ways of ensuring children encounter these faiths more than what is prescribed in their RE curriculum e.g. through turning a Sikh RE enquiry into a Sikh RE day.

If you have purchased EP 2020 all the units you need to teach 50% Christianity are included in the 'additional units' folders. If you do not have 2020 please contact me for further information.

Remember Collective Worship and RE are two different things

A word about scrapbooks...

I would ask schools to ensure that only RE work goes into RE scrapbooks or pupil books.

Collective worship activities and reflections keep sneaking in and it distracts from ensuring schools treat RE as an academic subject. It is something SIAMS inspectors have picked up on nationally.

If exploring the Christian festival is not part of the RE enquiry, it should not be in a RE scrapbook or pupil book.





RE Emmanuel Project Roadmap



Free to download and edit from the subject leader padlets - see next slide

Padlets for RE Subject leaders

For community primary and academy RE Subject Leaders (padlet.org)

For C of E RE Subject Leaders (padlet.org)

Lots of resources to help and support RE subject leaders.



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A "Handy" way into Vocab.



A nice simple idea to use at the start of all RE enquiries consistently across the school to help children remember key facts.



Visiting places of worship - your recommendations



Map https://goo.gl/maps/V8VBovC13dvBDWnF8

Follow the link for a map of your recommendations





Possible RE Nursery ideas to build into EYFS Emmanuel Project RE

Autumn 1 - Harvest	Autumn 2- Christmas	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Introduce Freddie Fisher – A wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles Know the word "God" – <u>is_a name</u> Visit a <u>church</u>	Explore a nativity set Songs – 'carol' singing (nursery rhyme tunes) Nativity Christmas cards 'Jesus Christ ' => Christian	Ideas around Help / save/ rescue Pancakes Lent – church – pray/prayer Dear God, help	<u>Easter</u> Bridges / making crosses Egg hunt – new life "Easter" is a celebration	Use vocab – precious 'to God' and "precious to me" 'Lost' stories e.g. lost sheep Feelings – mirrors	Wondering about the world <u>God</u> – Creator / caretakers Caretaker's role, our role
Meet a real vicar	=> Christmas	Prayer ritual Voting on "helpful heroes"		Making something for someone else What is 'welcome'? Welcoming to church	Gardening

Books at Press resources have been specifically produced to be entirely appropriate for nursery and reception children. Find out more here:

www.booksatpress.co.uk

Free nursery to Y2 planning grid from Books at Press

Census news

Less than half of the population in the UK identifies as <u>Christian</u> for the first time.

The proportion of people in England and Wales describing themselves as Christian dropped below 50 per cent in the 2021 census for the first time, <u>the</u> <u>Office for National Statistics (ONS)</u>

<u>said</u>.

At the time of the previous census in 2011, 59.3 per cent of people – 33.3 million – identified as Christian, but now the figure is 46.2 per cent, or 27.5 million people.

Religious composition of England and Wales



Christianity's retreat from England, mapped - Big Think

However this is not what is happening globally...

In the last 50 years did the <u>global</u> Christian population grow or decline?

By how much?

-14%

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+28%

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Next slide for answer!

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What is happening globally?

- Black and Christian is the new normal
- The typical image of a Christian is no longer a white middle class college educated European man living in Brussels, London, Paris or Rome, but rather a less affluent non-European woman, living in the slums of Lagos or Nairobi or a village in rural Brazil or Thailand. It should make sense then that Christianity is becoming not just a non-Western religion but also a non-white one.
- Almost 50% of Africa's population of 1.2 billion are Christians. This means that one in two Africans you ever meet is a Christian.
- In some African countries e.g Congo 94% of people identify as Christian. That's over 73 million Christians in a country that had virtually none a few generations ago.
- A hundred years ago, 85% of Christians lived in Europe and North America. Now it is less than 40%. It is now stronger in Africa, Latin America and parts of Asia.



Decolonizing the curriculum



Our teaching of Christianity is 'too white.' Use imagery to show Christianity as a global faith. More on this another time...





Padlets for teachers of RE

Please continue to share the worldview padlet links with teachers of RE. They include subject knowledge support, useful resources and signposts, videos of places of worship and people talking about their faith. New things added all the time!

Teaching about Christian worldviews (padlet.org) Teaching about Muslim worldviews (padlet.org) Teaching about Jewish worldviews (padlet.org) Teaching about Sikh worldviews (padlet.org) Teaching about Buddhist worldviews (padlet.org) Teaching about Hindu worldviews (padlet.org) Teaching about Humanist worldviews (padlet.org)



SIAMS

There is a new SIAMS framework for September 2023.

In a nutshell:

- Judgements replace grades.
- Each school needs to have a theologically rooted Christian vision.
- High level inspection questions with a focus on impact replace exhaustive lists of criteria.
- Each school's specific context plays a greater role than at present.
- Trust accountability for academies is brought to the fore.
- IQ7 What is the quality of religious education in voluntary aided and former voluntary aided schools, and in former voluntary controlled schools in which denominational religious education is taught?
 - a) What is the quality of teaching?
 - b) How well do pupils make progress in their learning as a result of a balanced and wellstructured religious education curriculum?¹
 - c) How does assessment inform teaching and learning?

- IQ6 Is the religious education curriculum effective (with reference to the expectations set out in the <u>Church of England's Statement of</u> <u>Entitlement for Religious Education</u>)?
 - a) How do school and trust leaders ensure that the provision, profile, and priority of religious education in all key stages reflect its place on the curriculum of a Church school?
 - b) How do school and trust leaders ensure that the religious education curriculum is challenging, accurate, wellsequenced, well-balanced, relevant, and diverse?
 - c) How do school and trust leaders ensure that religious education is wellresourced, and that continuing professional development for staff has an impact on the effectiveness of the curriculum?

IQ6 is the RE question for ALL C of E schools.

An additional question (IQ7) is added for VA schools and academies teaching denominational RE (if this is you I have already emailed you!) around the quality of RE teaching.

https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-inspections

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Things of interest in the **RE community**

Discovering Muslims in Britain

This free six-week online course will teach you about Muslims in Britain and how to understand and explore Islam from a sociological perspective in the RE classroom.

Delivery

The course will be delivered fully online.

- Learners will engage with illustrated articles, videos, quizzes and an online discussion forum.
- There will be a topical weekly live webinar led by leading experts in the field, and an opportunity to post questions before and after the webinar.
- Each week consists of 2 3 sessions that take approximately 1 hour to complete.
- The online forum will allow delegates to discuss questions with each other and with a tutor, in an unrestricted timeframe. Via a virtual 'office hour' the course tutor will reply to questions within a maximum of 72 hours.
- Delegates will be encouraged to use the online forum to present their experiences at certain places in the course.
- The course is scheduled to take 6 weeks.

Questions - 'Ask a Muslim' (cardiff.ac.uk)

What you'll learn

On completion of the course learners should be able to:

- Describe basic beliefs and practices in the Islamic tradition
- Consider the ways Muslims understand and practice Islam within a British context
- Understand aspects of the history of Muslims in Britain and how this has shaped contemporary Muslim communities
- Approach the study of religion from a socialogical disciplinary lens, using basic concepts and methods of analysis
- Incorporate these ideas in your teaching and learning in the classroom.

Topics covered

- How can we understand religion in society?
- What does Islam mean to Muslims?
- How do Muslims follow religious sources of wisdom and authority today?
- How do Muslims practice their faith?
- What is the history of Muslims in Britain?
- Where are Muslim communities located?
- What is a mosque?
- How do Muslims express their faith through the arts?
- How do Muslims in Britain experience Islamophobia?

<u>Discovering Muslims in Britain - Professional Development -</u> Cardiff University



Amazing videos on this link above!

British Library resource on sacred texts



Discovering Sacred Texts: Key Stage 2 teaching resources | The British Library (bl.uk)

The VAT of Belonging and Believing



kindness

32 interactive slides explore the concept of kindness and how Wilf and his family try to support the happiness of others through their acts of kindness.



Storytent









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The Kingdom of Pyrama

Download Story Watch Video Community, Humanism

Servant Leadership



Community: Christianity

Moses and Pharoah



Download Story Watch Video

What makes a good leader?

Download Story

Community: Confucianism

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Straw Boats Borrow Arrows



Moses

Maharani Jind Kaur



Download Story Watch Video Community: Sikhi

Download Story

Community: Judaism

Watch Video

The Story Tent offers easily accessible online teaching materials to support KS2 pupils to learn more about Religion and Worldviews through the lens of story. It provides resources that develop skills for intercultural and interfaith dialogue through an inquiry-based approach with an exploration of difference at its heart. The Story Tent equips pupils with the confidence they need to live well in our increasingly globalised and diverse societies. There is a bank of stories from a range of worldviews, covering topics such as Creation, Peace, Stewardship, Leadership, Justice, and Wisdom. Each story is read online, with a short introductory commentary.

Story Tent Online (concordant.online)

The resource will include:

- 4 fully planned and resourced lessons.
- Short interactive videos to get the ball-rolling we'll be recording these in Jerusalem in January.
- Objectives linked to R.E., P.S.H.E., and Citizenship.
- A colourful and comprehensive booklet for children to complete, including stories from the Bible and opportunities to reflect and respond.
- A 2 week English plan for UKS2 that links to the Easter videos.



All of this comes at **no cost to your school.** However, there are only a limited number available. Use <u>this link</u> to sign up today so you don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

https://www.bible.org.uk/Easter.php

What's on your head? - BBC

Check out this series on BBC iPlayer which has people talking about their different styles of dress, helping pupils learn more about the world around them and different people within.

BBC iPlayer - Whats on Your Head?



Series 1: 7. Bishop Mitre Bishop Rose tells us why her...



Series 1: 4. Turban We meet Rajvatan, a Sikh, who tells us all about his terrific turban.



This episode Series 1: 9. Kippah



Series 1: 2. Hijab We meet Sharmin, a Muslim, who tells us all about her hijab.

Free online training resources

Self-study short courses Looking to develop your understanding and knowledge of the subject? Look no further than these free, short, self-study online courses for teachers.

Culham St Gabriel's Trust Moodle (cstg.org.uk)

Introduction to Religion and Worldviews

What is a Religion and Worldviews approach? Maybe you have heard the...

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Digging Deeper: Religion and Worldviews

Welcome to the Digging Deeper level Religion and Worldviews course. You hav...

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Introduction to Curriculum

This course offers an understanding of what curriculum is and the central role it...

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Visual Commentary on Scripture



This website brings together the Bible and Art. It is organised according to books of the Bible and displays artwork from a range of periods and cultures.

Visual Commentary on Scripture | VCS (thevcs.org)

Home | Bayt Al Fann



Bayt Al Fann is a website with the strapline: 'a house for everyone, exploring art & culture inspired by Islamic tradition'. Containing both modern and ancient examples of Islamic art, as well as interviews with current Islamic artists this website has a range of images that would be suitable to explore in the classroom. The interviews and articles are likely to be more suitable for older students, but may give teachers an insight into the traditions and features of Islamic inspired art.

RE quest

Home - RE:quest (request.org.uk)



The RE Quest website has been recently updated and has some helpful new features, as well as more up to date interviews and resources. It focuses exclusively on Christianity and has a wide range of video clips and information about Christian beliefs and practices. There is the facility to filter by Key Stage as well as topic. There is a new facility to create topic boards within the website, linking resources together as you want them, and there is an accessibility button which allows the user to change some of the ways that the page is presented. This should make the resources more accessible to a wider range of learners.