



Year 1 RE

Special Books and Stories

Pupils start by thinking about special books and stories for themselves, offering important links to literacy. They reflect on the meanings (or 'morals') in stories, including secular tales and fables. The unit goes on to investigate special books and writings for religious believers, in particular the Bible and the Qur'an. Pupils consider why these are special and how they are respected and treated. They hear and think about special stories, some of which are contained in special books.

Belonging to a Church or Mosque

The pupils will learn about what it means to belong to a church or mosque. They will learn what they might see in a mosque or church building, and what the people do when they go there. They will begin to understand that there are differences and similarities between churches and mosques, but that not all churches or mosques are the same. They will learn that churches and mosques are special places for the people who go there. Although the planning here is designed around Islam and Christianity, it may be appropriate to extend this to other places of worship, particularly if the class or local community reflects that diversity.

Why do we care?

This unit links well with a 'Local Area' cross curricular focus and the SEAL 'Relationships' materials. It will help develop skills of questioning, explanation and awareness of what 'caring' looks like for different pupils and people of different faith backgrounds. It will develop skills in reflection and communication and encourage self-esteem and empathy.

Celebrating Special Occasions

This unit allows the pupils to consider the concept of celebration. It links a number of ideas together: the ways in which we celebrate special events and how religions mark festival days. It will help develop pupils' understanding of celebrations, including religious festivals. It includes a study of Harvest festival, Eid ul Fitr and Sukkot. Pupils are enabled to respond and reflect by creating their own class celebration.