

Cardinham School EYFS - Understanding the World



Intent

Through 'Understanding the World' children learn children talk about similarities and differences between themselves and others, among families, communities and traditions.

They begin to know about their own cultures and beliefs and those of other people. They explore, observe and find out about places and objects that matter in different cultures and beliefs.

Sequence of EYFS Learning

Nursery: Why is the word 'God' special to Christians?

Children talk about things they find interesting about and their experiences of the natural world.

Children say how and when Christians like to thank their Creator.

Children retell some stories about God.

Children discuss what people do to mess up/look after the world.

Reception Autumn: Why is Christmas special for Christians?

Children talk about people who are special to them and explain why.

Recall simply what happens at a traditional Christian festival (Christmas).

Begin to recognise the word 'incarnation' as describing the belief that God came to Earth as Jesus.

Retell religious stories, making connections with personal experiences.

Reception Spring 1: Being special: where do we belong?

Retell religious stories making connections with personal experiences.

Share and record occasions when things have happened in their lives that made them feel special.

Recall simply what happens at a traditional Christian infant baptism and dedication.

Recall simply what happens when a baby is welcomed into a religion other than Christianity.

Reception Spring 2: Why is Easter special for Christians?

Recognise and retell stories connected with celebration of Easter.

Say why Easter is a special time for Christians.

Talk about ideas of new life in nature.

Recognise some symbols Christians use during Holy Week e.g. palm leaves, cross, eggs and make connections with signs of new life in nature.

Talk about some ways Christians remember these stories at Easter,

Reception Summer 1: Which places are special and why?

Talk about somewhere that is special to themselves.

Recognise that some religious people have places which have special meaning for them.

Talk about the things that are special and valued in a place of worship.

Begin to recognise that for Christians, Muslims or Jews, these special things link to beliefs about God.

Get to know and use appropriate words when visiting a church.

Reception Summer 2: Which stories are special and why?

Talk about some religious stories.

Recognise some religious words.

Identify some of their own feelings in the stories they hear.

Identify a sacred text e.g. Bible, Torah.

Talk about some of these things teach believers.

Key Stage 1 R.E Ready

Vocabulary

God, Creator, Christians, Believers, Non-religious, Bible, Judaism, Islam, Jews, Muslims, Church, Torah, Qur'an, Synagogue, Mosque, Harvest, Easter, Christmas, Nativity, Jesus, Unique, Precious, Celebrate, Incarnation, Earth, Palm Leaves, Cross, Palm Sunday, Hosanna, Easter Sunday, Faith, Community, Baptism, Christening, Hinduism, Prayer, Pray, Font, Cross, Candle, Washing Area, Prayer Hall, Prayer Mats, Minaret, Reflection.