

## Religious Education at St Helens Primary School

Religious Education is a statutory subject, and at St Helens Primary it is taught through Living Difference III, the Agreed Syllabus for Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. Living Difference III introduces children and young people to what a religious way of looking and existing in the world may offer in leading one's life, individually and collectively.

The Living Difference approach is based on enquiry into concepts. Some concepts are shared between religions, such as **Worship** or **Prayer**, and others are distinctive to one tradition such as **the Church** or **Sangha**. A third group of concepts such as **Celebration** or **Remembering** are common to all people.

The enquiry based approach has five key steps. These are:

- **Communicate** and **Apply** to attend to their own and others' experience.
- **Enquire** and **Contextualise** to engage intellectually.
- **Evaluate** to discern value for others and themselves depending on the context.

Pupils learn through debate and discussion, practical activities and written responses as appropriate to their age. The school has recently changed the way Religious Education is taught, organising it into blocks of teaching interspersed with R.E themed days. The expectation for each Key Stage is as follows:

<b>Reception</b>	36 hours per year
<b>KS1</b>	36 hours per year
<b>KS2</b>	45 hours per year

The school has mixed age classes so pupils are taught through a two year rolling programme. The overview shows when each religion is taught, and which concept is predominate. Pupils learn about Christianity and Judaism in Key Stage 1, Christianity and Hinduism in lower KS2 and Christianity and Islam in upper KS2.

## ST HELENS PRIMARY WHOLE SCHOOL R.E CURRICULUM

### YEAR A

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year R		<b>Celebrating Birth</b> Christmas – Jesus’ birth	<b>Specialness</b>  Special People- Jesus	<b>New Life</b>  <b>Celebrating new life at Easter</b>	<b>Specialness</b>  <b>Special Places</b>	<b>Specialness</b>  <b>Special things – cross/Torah</b>
		Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity/Judaism
Year 1 & Year 2	<b>Thankfulness</b>  <b>Celebrating Harvest</b>	<b>Journey’s end</b> <b>Nativity</b> <b>Journeys</b>	<b>Remembering Shabbat – support pack.</b> <b>Passover</b>	<b>Welcoming</b>  <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Belonging</b>  <b>Belonging in Judaism</b>	<b>Authority</b>  <b>Events in Jesus’ life</b>
	Christianity	Christianity	Judaism	Christianity	Judaism	Christianity
Year 3 & Year 4	Message Jesus’ teachings and message	Angels  Angels	Good and Evil  Holi	Suffering  Key events of Holy Week <b>Teaching About Easter – support pack.</b>	Sacred place Places of Worship	Protection  Raksha Bandhan
	Christianity	Christianity	Hinduism	Christianity	Christianity	Hinduism
Year 5 & Year 6	Belonging  What it means to live life as a Muslim	Interpretation  Christmas-the two birth narratives	Stewardship  Creation	Justice  Stories of justice	Sacred place Places of worship	Umma  What it means to live life as a Muslim
	Islam	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Islam

**Year B**

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year R		Celebrating birthdays Jesus' birthday	Learning from Jesus' stories Jesus as storyteller	Symbol of new life Eggs as a sign of new life	Special Special clothes	Preciousness Water
		Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity
Year 1 & Year 2	Symbol Bread as a symbol	Light as a symbol Advent and Hannukah	Change People Jesus met	Sadness to happiness Key events of Easter	Authority Bible	Remembering Shabbat
	Christianity	Christianity and Judaism	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Judaism
Year 3 & Year 4	Temptation Making choices	Holy Mary, mother of God	Myth Myth	Ritual Sukkot and Hannukah – support pack Paschal candle	Devotion Hindu worship	Symbol Trees –support pack Stones as symbol
	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Judaism	Hinduism	Christianity
Year 5 & Year 6	Laws Jesus the law breaker	Prophecy The Magi	Ritual What it means to live life as a Muslim	Resurrection The empty cross	Ceremony Death ceremonies	Peace(Islam) What it means to live life as a Muslim