North East Learning Trust

Religious Education

The current 2014 curriculum for schools in England and Wales states that "All schools are required to make provision for a daily act of collective worship and must teach Religious Education to pupils at every key stage;" an aim which envelops as a foundation by which to achieve above and beyond these expectations.

RE is an important curriculum subject. It is important in its own right and also makes a unique contribution to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and supports wider community cohesion. The Government is keen to ensure all pupils receive high-quality RE.

Religion and beliefs inform our values and are reflected in what we say and how we behave. RE is an important subject in itself, developing an individual's knowledge and understanding of the religions and beliefs which form part of contemporary society. Religious education provokes challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, beliefs about God, the self and the nature of reality, issues of right and wrong, and what it means to be human. It can develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity, of other principal religions, other religious traditions and worldviews that offer answers to questions such as these. RE also contributes to pupils' personal development and well-being and to community cohesion by promoting mutual respect and tolerance in a diverse society. RE can also make important contributions to other parts of the school curriculum such as citizenship, personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE education), the humanities, education for sustainable development and others. It offers opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual development, deepening the understanding of the significance of religion in the lives of others – individually, communally and cross-culturally.

RE: Areas of study

In Nursery we focus on three key themes: special people, special places and special times. Special people theme explores children's a sense of belonging: what is special about me, who do we think are special and how can we make others feel special. Special places theme explores what makes certain places feel special, what is a place of worship and why is our world a special place. Finally, special times studies the special times of a school day, special occasions throughout the year and does everyone celebrate in the same way.

In Reception. Key Stage 1 and 2, the areas of Religious Education covered include the faiths of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, World Views, Sanatana Dharma, and Buddhism (the largest worldwide religions, based on individual numbers within the faiths), in order to encompass the culturally diverse experiences and population of our society today. In addition, each year group looks at similarities and differences within and between religious and non-religious worldviews.

SMSC

SMSC stands for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. All schools in England must show how well their pupils develop in SMSC.

SMSC (previously PSHE) is the 'feeder subject' for Citizenship education, which helps to provide pupils with knowledge, skills and understanding, to prepare them to play a full and active part in society. In particular, Citizenship focuses pupils' awareness of how the United Kingdom is governed and how its laws are made and upheld. It prepares pupils to take their place in society as responsible citizens by providing them with the skills and knowledge to manage their money well and make sound financial decisions. Consequently, the teaching of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural practices and the important role of British values have become key in ensuring excellence within this area of teaching; how well schools promote such values are now part of the Ofsted inspection process.

All schools must meet the requirements set out in section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and actively promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. Through ensuring pupils' SMSC development, schools can also demonstrate they are actively promoting fundamental British values. Academies such as our own must meet the SMSC standard that is set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010 (as amended in November 2014) within our activities and schemes of work.

Meeting requirements for collective worship, establishing a strong school ethos supported by effective relationships throughout the school, and providing relevant activities beyond the classroom are all ways of ensuring pupils' SMSC development at our school. Pupils must be encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance. Aspects of SMSC can be developed through virtually all parts of the curriculum and infused within the day to day operation of our academy, in its behaviours and ethos, although some subjects and activities are likely to be more relevant than others. Expectations in all areas must be adjusted for the age and ability of pupils, including those with special needs.

It is expected that pupils should understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law. The school's ethos and teaching will support the rule of English civil and criminal law and not teach anything that undermines it. If teaching about religious law, particular care should be taken to explore the relationship between state and religious law. Pupils should be made aware of the difference between the law of the land and religious law.

SMSC within the Academy

Through our provision of SMSC, we will:

- enable students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
- enable students to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England;
- encourage students to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely;
- enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England;
- further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures:
- encourage respect for other people

• encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.

Early Years	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Christianity Recall the main events in the Creation story in simple term Harvest is about saying than you to God for creation and what they have been given. Christians believe they need care for God's world and they should look after everything it. God's name is special to Christians because God mad the world and made them. Recall the main events in the story The Precious Pearl. Describe how Christians feel about God in simple terms. Retell the main events of the Christmas story. Christians believe that after Jesus was born, people came to visit him. Christians believe that the wind men/Magi set off when they saw the star to find the new king, but that they did not arrive straight away. Christians believe that Jesus was both God and a human the same time. Christians call this 'incarnation'.	A parable is a story that Christians believe Jesus told to teaching people something about God. The main events of the story of The Prodigal Son. The parable of the Lost Son teaches about forgiveness. There are four different prayer types used by Christians: praise, saying sorry, saying thank you, asking. The main events in the story of Jonah and the Whale. Incarnation" originally comes from the Latin word caro, meaning "flesh," and refers to the belief that Jesus Christ was "made flesh" when he was born. Recall the main events in the Christmas story. Advent is an important time of the year for Christians as it gives them time to prepare for Christmas Day. Advent wreaths circular to show there is no beginning or end to God's love. There are five candles are lit each Sunday before Christmas Joy. The four candles represent: The white candle represents Christ. Jesus lived for approximately 33 years and the events of "Holy Week" (the week leading up to his death and resurrection) start for Christians on "Palm Sunday" when Jesus rode into	The main events in Matthew's story. Who Jesus chose to follow him. These were called disciples. Jesus told stories about forgiveness as part of his teaching. Christians may pray when they feel troubled. The Good News Jesus brings are peace, love, forgiveness and eternal life. Christians use prayers for praise, thanks, saying sorry, to ask. The Lords Prayer is an important Christian prayer. Salvation mans being saved or rescued so that humans are not separated from God. Christians refer to Jesus as a saviour. Holy Week includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and easter Sunday. Easter is the most important celebration for Christians. Christians believe through Jesus' death and resurrection he healed the rift between God	Creation is very near the beginning of the 'Big Story'. The five ideas in the Big Story are ordered - God, Creation, Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation. All the little stories from the Bible fit somewhere into the 'Big Story'. Keywords from the Creation story - God, said, day, evening, morning, good, created. They are repeated in the story. Recall the main events in the story of creation from Genesis. Christians see the world as God's, and feel that people should be like stewards or caretakers, looking after God's good earth.	Four gospels, books in the New Testament, traditionally thought of as having been written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. There were 12 disciples who followed Jesus. Simon, Peter and Andrew were known as 'Fishers of Men'. Christians today believe they are called to be fishers of men as the Bible teaches that they should share Jesus' good news with others. Vicars help people to pray and know about God; visit lots of people and talk in school assemblies.	Holy means: God is awesome and amazing. God is morally pure and hates sin — God is separate from human beings, who are sinful Loving means: God wants the very best for human beings, is kind and forgiving, and does a lot to care for them. Omnipotent means God is all-powerful. Omniscient means God knows all things. Eternal means God created time and is not limited by it — God is outside time: God does not get old like human beings. Spirit means God is not physical — God does not have	A Saviour is someone who wants to save someone from a particular situation. Know the elements of the Big Story of the Bible (creation, fall people of God, Incarnation, gospel, salvation, kingdom of God). The saviour can bring humanity back into a relationship with God. Historically God's people needed a rescuer because the land was occupied by Romans Theologically they needed a rescuer because of the actions of Adam and Eve. There were seven expectations

	able to die for the terrible things humans have done so they can be forgiven. Christians believe they receive new life in Jesus because their sins are forgiven because of his death. An egg represents new life. Christian children make Easter gardens with a cross to remember Jesus.	them a Messiah to rid them of the Roman occupation of Israel. It was traditional to place a cover across the path of someone deemed worthy of honour, especially royalty. The palm branch was a Jewish symbol of triumph and victory. Christian concept of Salvation: the saving of mankind from permanent separation from God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Trinity. This is the 'complete relationship' between God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit Palm Sunday is the day where Jesus rode into Jerusalem. He fulfilled Old Testament prophecies which said that this would happen when the "king" came. Christians believe in the Trinity. This is the complete relationship between God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God, he was put to death on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday					
		Surracy					
World View	everyone is unique, and they are special to God. Christians believe that everyone, including children are welcome in God's family. Religious people also wear symbols to show that they belong to their religious worldview. Christians want to welcome people into God's family. They do this as adults, and some do this for babies. It is called baptism.	believe we are all made in the image of God and we are all individuals. Readings from the Bible teach Christians about being unique and special to God.	worship God. A font is used for baptism. A cross reminds us of Jesus. Muslims worship at home or in a mosque. Traditional mosques have a tall minaret where the call to prayer is said from. Jewish people worship in a synagogue. Men and women sit separately in a mosque.	make the world a better place. Humanists believe we won't get help from any Gods or Goddesses, but we can make the world better ourselves. Muslims believe that Allah has shown the path of Islam as the way to follow. If we follow the path, it will make a better world. Christians believe God came to earth (in Jesus) to rescue us and repair the damage. Now we need to make a batter world too.	take a religious journey, others take a non-religious journey and others take a journey that is a mixture of the two. (eg weddings from different worldviews, believer's baptism, baby welcoming ceremonies, infant baptism, funerals etc). People's beliefs can guide and reassure them during difficult times. Baptism is a way of Christians	person's view of the world and that it can be either religious or non-religious. Recognise the difference between world view and religious views. A person who believes in humanity but not in gods or heaven is called a humanist. Humanists don't follow holy books like the Bible or Torah. Instead, they say 'use your mind!' Being non-religious is	

	God is the most important	Sukkot celebrates the		Jewish people have a view	Confirmation means that the	Recall the main messages from	Theologian comes from two
	being in a Muslim's life.	gathering of the harvest and		called Tikkun Olam, people	believer becomes a full adult	The Two Wolves story.	Greek words: 'theos' (meaning
	The Prophet Muhammad	commemorates the			member of the church and can	,	God) and 'logos' (meaning
	· '	miraculous protection G-d		the world better.	take communion.	good and evil, right and	word or discussion).
	Muslims.	provided for the children of			Girls become bat mitzvah and		Word or discussion).
		Israel when they left Egypt.			enter adulthood at the age of	what is good.	
	festival.	israer when they left Egypt.		2.5% of one's wealth each year		Values: the moral ideas which	
	Raksha Bandhan festival is			to benefit the poor.	mitzvah, entering adulthood	an individual or community	
	when brothers and sisters			to benefit the poor.	at 13.	holds and which impact their	
	show their love for one another				Understands the Hindu terms	behaviour. EG: Humanist	
	and share their intention for				Dharma, deity, Trimurti, cycle	morality emphasises individual	
	caring for each other.				of life and death,	autonomy and empathy.	
	Mosques are special places to				reincarnation.	Christian morality emphasises	
	Muslims.				In the sacred thread ceremony,	, .	
	Churches are special places to				the child is given a 'sacred	Jesus.	
	Christians.					Authority: the basis on which	
	The cross is a symbol for				all their life, a new thread must		
	Christians.				be put on before an old one	values. Some Christians talk	
	The crescent moon and star is				can be removed. The thread	about the authority of the	
	a symbol for Muslims.				goes over the left shoulder and		
	Churches have bibles, stained				under the right arm and are	revelation of God in Jesus.	
	glass window, altar and font.				worn under clothes.	Some Humanists emphasise	
	Mosques have the Qur'an and				Many religious couples try to	the authority of reason and	
	Islamic art.				marry for life (non-religious	science. Some Humanists are	
	Christian stories are told in the					sceptical of claims to authority,	
	Bible.				life too), choose to bring their	emphasising individual	
	A special Christian story is				children up together within a	autonomy.	
	when Jesus calmed the storm.				marriage, try to be faithful to	Golden rule: the principle of	
	Christians believe Jesus was				their partner, make a home	treating others as you would	
	both God and human and				together and follow what they	,	
	came to earth to help people.				believe to be God's rules.		
	Jewish stories are told in the						
	holy book - Torah.						
	Some stories from the Bible are						
	also special to Jewish people						
	because they are found in the						
	Jewish holy text, the Torah.						
	A special Jewish story is David						
	and Goliath.						
	Qur'an is the holy text for						
	Muslims.						
	The Qur'an is kept on the						
	highest shelf, and you need to						
	wash your hands before						
	unwrapping the book.						
	Muslims believe the Prophet						
	Muhammad was first given the	2					
	Qur'an by Allah at mount Hira						
Judaism	Jewish stories are told in the	The Star of David is the symbol	The Jewish Holy books	During Shabbat, Jewish people	Shavuot means 'weeks' and is	Kosher means anything that is	Tenakh: Written in Hebrew and
	holy book - Torah.	of Judaism.	(Tenakh) contain core beliefs	remember the story of creation	also known as the Feast of	acceptable to Jewish Law.	the first five books are the
	Some stories from the Bible are	Many Jewish people put a	and stories including the	from the Torah where God	Weeks. Shavuot has no fixed	Kashrut are dietary rules.	Torah: Genesis, Exodus,
	also special to Jewish people		Creation Story in which God			Trief is food that is not kosher.	

	because they are found in the Jewish holy text, the Torah. A special Jewish story is David and Goliath.	the words of the Torah inside it. Shabbat is the day of rest. The sacred text for Jewish people is the Torah. Hannukah lasts for 8 days and nights.	and rests on the seventh – the Sabbath. As the Jewish weeks start on a Sunday, Saturday is the 7th day, the day of rest – Shabbat. The law books attributed to Moses include the 10 commandments – one of these is to 'Honour the Sabbath'. Shabbat (Sabbath) is celebrated both in the home and the synagogue and the main requirement is that no work should be attempted from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday. The start of Shabbat is marked with a special meal and ceremony in the home. When worshipping, Jews wear a skull cap called a kippah. This is usually worn by men as a sign of respect to God.	and rested on the 7th day. Recall the main events at a Saturday morning Shabbat service. Jewish people celebrate Shabbat as a reminder of the Covenant and an occasion to rejoice in God's kept promises. Rosh Hashanah is a special festival that celebrates Jewish New Year. During Rosh Hashanah, Jewish people will traditionally greet each other with L'shanah tovah, which means "for a good New Year".	date and is the least celebrated of all Jewish festivals. Many years ago, Jewish people would harvest their first wheat and fruits. These would be taken to the Temple in a special basket to be blessed. This ritual is called Bikkurim. Shavuot is the only time Jews might desire to study all night. This is known as Tikkun. Prayer is an important part of the Shavuot celebration, especially the Shema. This is found in Deuteronomy 6: 4-9	Seder plate. Each of the six items arranged on the plate has special significance to the retelling of the story of Passover. Understand the difference between Orthodox and Progressive Judaism.	Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Sometimes the whole of the Jewish Bible is referred to as the Torah. Torah (first five books): Jewish belief is that the Torah was given to Moses by God. The teachings of the Torah influence all Jewish life as Jews are required to follow the 613 mitzvot (commandments or laws) which were expanded from the original 10 commandments given to Moses. Prayer: There are three daily periods of prayer; early morning, afternoon and evening Synagogue: The main place for community worship is the synagogue. A synagogue is the centre of the community as well as a place to meet, worship and pray Bar/Bat Mitzvah: The Jewish initiation ceremony is called Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Shabbat (Sabbath): Shabbat is celebrated both in the home and the synagogue and the main requirement is that no work should be attempted from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday.
Islam	Allah means God in Arabic. God is the most important being in a Muslim's life. The Prophet Muhammad shared words from Allah with Muslims. Mosques are special places to Muslims.	Allah is the Arabic word for God. Many Muslims try to remember the 99 Beautiful Names of Allah from the Qur'an. The 5 pillars of Islam are 5 things Muslims do to keep their	Allah is the Arabic word for God. The 5 pillars of Islam are 5 things Muslims do to keep their faith strong. Recall the main events in the	symbol of Islam. Islam, Muslim, Salaam - 'slm' is the root of all 3 of the Arabic words, it means 'peace'. Muslims try to submit to Allah by trusting Allah with	to them by Allah and they	important to people. (Shahadah, Salah, Sawm, Zakah, Hajj) Know what each pillar of Islam means to Muslims. The largest groups of Muslims	The Qur'an is the holy book for Muslims, but it is also believed to be the actual words of Allah spoken in Arabic. Many Muslims will learn Arabic specially to understand the Qur'an.

	The crescent moon and star is a symbol for Muslims. Mosques have the Qur'an and Islamic art. Qur'an is the holy text for Muslims. The Qur'an is kept on the highest shelf, and you need to wash your hands before unwrapping the book. Muslims believe the Prophet Muhammad was first given the Qur'an by Allah at mount Hira	newborn tiny daughters and sons.	Prophet Muhammad was visited by the angel Jibril (Gabriel). Prophet Muhammed first heard the words of Allah on Jabal al-Nour which translates to "Mountain of Light." The angel commanded him to recite the words before him. Muhammad had never been taught to read or write but he was able to recite the words. Muslims believe that the Prophet Muhammad received the Qur'an, which is the most important Islamic holy book and the only one to contain the pure word of Allah.	Shahadah: sincerely reciting the Muslim profession of faith Salat: performing ritual prayers in the proper way five times each day Zakat: paying an alms (or charity) tax to benefit the poor and the needy Sawm: fasting during the month of Ramadan Hajj: pilgrimage to Mecca Muslims believe that the words in the Qur'an were first given to the Prophet Muhammad at Mount Hira. Tawhid means the 'oneness of God'. Wudu is the ritual washing performed in preparation for prayer and worship. Many Muslims pray in the mosque. Sawm means fasting from dawn until dusk during Ramadan, one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Eid-al-Fitr is the festival at the end of Ramadan. Eid-al-Fitr start the day with something sweet give and wear new clothes communal prayer early in the day share gifts elders give children money called eidiyah donate to those less fortunate visit loved ones	next. Muslims believe Allah is watching them all the time. All their good deeds and thoughts and words will be kept as a record. When they die, Allah will decide whether they've been good enough to go to heaven or not.	between purpose built mosques and converted mosques. Ibadah means worship.	Many Muslims take lessons in how to speak Arabic, including schoolchildren. The Qur'an is respected in many ways including: • Being put on a stand when used, so it is not over touched. • When not used it is wrapped in a clean cloth • When not being read it should be the highest book in the room • Never being placed on the floor • Hands being washed before it is touched. • You must be in the right frame of mind – concentrate on Allah Muslims believe the Qur'an gives information on how to live life the way Allah would want.
Sanatana Dharma	Raksha Bandhan is a Hindu festvial. Raksha Bandhan festival is when brothers and sisters	N/a	N/a	For many Hindus the Aum symbol is a sacred symbol that describes Brahman.		Sanatanis believe in Brahman as the one true God who is formless, limitless, all-inclusive, and eternal.	Know what the trimurti is and why it is important. Atman is the name given to the spark of Brahman in

show their love for one another and share their intention for caring for each other		universe – the source of everything. For many Hindus, Brahman is the divine or the supreme being. Namaste: Bowing slightly and putting hands together, means 'The spark of God in me bows to the spark of God in you'. Atman is the spark of Braham in everything. Ahimsa is the principle of not doing any harm to other living things The word 'trimurti' means 'three forms'. In the trimurti, Brahma is the creator, Vishnu is the preserver and Shiva is the destroyer. Brahma, the deity, is not the same as Brahman. Lakshmi is the consort of the god Vishnu and the goddess of wealth and purity in Hindu mythology.	eternal way, rather than Hindu Dharma or Hinduism. 1 million people in the UK are Hindu. Aum (Om) symbol is a sacred syllable representing creation. It is recited at the beginning and ending of prayers. Brahman deity shows creation. Ganesh deity shows intelligence and wisdom. Laksmi deity shows wealth and prosperity. Saraswati deity shows knowledge, music and creative arts. The word 'trimurti' means 'three forms'. In the trimurti, Brahma is the creator, Vishnu is the sustainer and protector and Shiva is the transformer / recycler. Recognise key features of	(Puja) Offerings are always given to God (Puja) The Vedas are the oldest of the Sanatani holy books Veda means knowledge For many Sanatanis there are four goals in human life (purusharthas); namely - Moksha - the release of the soul (Atman) from the cycle of rebirth Dharma - the code for leading your life – including duties - Artha – Being prosperous legally – this includes earning money through doing a job beneficial to others. Earning wealth benefits the community as well as self.	guests). Dharma' – the eternal way, rather than Hindu Dharma or Hinduism. Ahimsa means non-violent. Moksha means the ultimate
Buddhism N/a	This is the story of a prince who gave up all his riches to try to find out the meaning of life, why there is suffering and what can be done to stop this. The prince was kept in a big palace by his father who wanted him to be a king. When he left the palace he saw things that shocked him. He saw old age, sickness, death	god Vishnu and the goddess of wealth and purity in Hindu mythology. Lord Ganesh is one of the most popular and known as the elephant deity. Ganesh is the son of Lord Shiva and the goddess Parvati. Shiva is one of the three main gods in Hinduism. Shiva is known as the destroyer god because he removes all evil from the world. The story of the Buddha shows Buddhists that it is important to live your life in the right way. Buddha realised that suffering and unhappiness were often caused by not understanding what life was like. Buddha decided to try to live his life in a way that would help others and not just think about himself.	and Shiva is the transformer / recycler. Recognise key features of Hindu worship (bell, flowers, diva lamp, water in a pot, spoon, murti, fruit, incense, aum symbol, Ganesh Murti). Dharma is central to how many Hindus try to live their lives. Most Buddhists believe that we live many times – this is called reincarnation. Each life we have depends on how good a life we led last	to others. Earning wealth benefits the community as well as self. - Karma- this includes desire and a passion for life Many Buddhists believe in The Three Jewels / Refugees. A jewel is something of value - A refuge is a safe place – often in difficult times. The Three Refuges/Jewels are • the Buddha, (the yellow jewel), • the Dharma/Dhamma	Moksha means the ultimate goal. The Buddha left many teachings behind.
	He spent many years trying to find out why life involves difficult times.	happened in the Buddha's life and try to learn how his teachings like the three marks	Nirvana. Many Buddhists believe that	community) (the red jewel)	Metta – loving kindness Intention – the reason we do something (motive) – what we are aiming to achieve.

He	e realised that suffering was	Some stories that the Buddha	Enlightenment means to	Consequence – something that
	J	told help Buddhists	understand and realise the	happens because of an action
	,, ,	understand how they should	truth about life.	Most Buddhists believe in a
	uddha thought that he could	,	Many Buddhists hope to follow	cycle of life, death and rebirth –
	elp people live their life in a		the path laid out by the	this came from the Sanatana
	ss selfish and greedy way –		Buddha and gain	Dharma (Hindu) tradition.
	nese became a key part of his		enlightenment.	They believe our actions in this
	eachings.		Most of the Buddha's	life have an impact on the life
Ви	uddhists look to the Buddha		teachings concern how we	you have next time.
as	s a role model.		should behave in our daily	Buddhists think that we should
Me	lany will follow the Buddha's		lives.	always act with right intention,
tec	eachings and try to be aware		The Buddha said that if we do	we should be aware of the
of	f the impact of their actions		8 things in the right way, we	consequences of our words
an	nd words.		have a chance of achieving	and actions.
Ac	ccepting that suffering		enlightenment.	
ha	appens is a part of life		The Noble Eightfold Path	
	uddhists will try to lead a		includes ways in which an	
go	ood life as it will help them		individual Buddhist could	
ac	chieve their own personal		choose to guide their lives.	
en	nlightenment		_	