

Subject Curriculum Vision:

The Religious Education Curriculum at AJK

INTENT

Why should all students learn this subject?

At AJK, we believe that a coherent and rigorous religious education (R.E.) curriculum is an essential means by which to explore questions as to the purpose of life, the nature of reality, issues of morality and the interaction between culture and society. It is a powerful lens through which we can ask questions about what it means to be human – and explore a range of answers to that question. We aim to expose pupils to a range of competing ideas, beliefs and practices, supporting them to understand the reasons for, and nature of, cultural and religious diversity. In so doing, we have taken efforts to avoid flattening differences between religions, to explore differences of belief and practice within religions, and to give voice to non-religious viewpoints.

What is the core knowledge in this subject?

To deepen pupils' understanding of concepts that underpin R.E. as a discipline, our curriculum is designed to frame enquiry through the lens of the key areas of R.E. below:

- Core beliefs
- Sources of wisdom (including holy texts and key figures)
- Ways of life
- Acts of worship (both private and public)

IMPLEMENTATION

How is this subject taught at AJK?

Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 have four R.E. lessons per term. Each term, they study a different religion: Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. They attempt to answer an overarching 'enquiry question' that allows for analysis of similarity and difference within and between religions.

IMPACT

What does assessment look like in this subject?

Teachers assess pupils' understanding during lessons. Each lesson begins with a mini quiz, designed to revisit key knowledge from previous lessons, units and year groups. These quizzes provide further formative opportunities to assess learning over time and are reviewed by school leaders to assist in determining future alterations to the curriculum.



UNIT OVERVIEW

Religion	Christianity		Islam		Hinduism	
Y1	Enquiry Question: WHAT IS RELIGION?					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lesson 1	KQ: What do Christians believe?	KQ: How do you lead a good life as a Christian?	KQ: What do Muslims believe?	KQ: How do you lead a good life as a Muslim?	KQ: What do Hindus believe?	KQ: How do you lead a good life as a Hindu?
Lesson 2	KQ: What is the Bible?	KQ: How do Christians worship?	KQ: What is the Qur'an?	KQ: How do Muslims worship?	KQ: What are the most important texts in Hinduism?	KQ: How do Hindus worship?
Experience	Visit a local Church		Visit a local Mosque		Visit a local Mandir	
Y2	Enquiry Question: WHERE DID EVERYTHING BEGIN?					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lesson 1	KQ: What do Christians believe about the creation?	KQ: How do Christian beliefs about creation affect their behaviour?	KQ: What do Muslims believe about the creation?	KQ: How do Muslim beliefs about creation affect their behaviour?	KQ: What do Hindus believe about the creation?	KQ: How do Hindu beliefs about creation affect their behaviour?
Lesson 2	KQ: What does the Bible say about creation?	KQ: How do Christians remember the creation?	KQ: What does the Qur'an say about creation?	KQ: How do Muslims remember the creation?	KQ: What stories do Hindus tell about the creation?	KQ: How do Hindus remember the creation?
Experience	Art project linked to creation story		Art project linked to creation story		Art project linked to creation story	
Y3	Enquiry Question: HOW DO WE KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG?					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lesson 1	KQ: What do Christians believe about right and wrong?	KQ: How do you lead a good life as a Christian?	KQ: What do Muslims believe about right and wrong?	KQ: How do you lead a good life as a Muslim?	KQ: What do Hindus believe about right and wrong?	KQ: How do you lead a good life as a Hindu?
Lesson 2	KQ: What does the Bible say about right and wrong?	KQ: How does Christian worship promote 'right' living?	KQ: What does the Qur'an say about right and wrong?	KQ: How do Muslims celebrate 'right' living?	KQ: What do Hindu texts say about right and wrong?	KQ: How do Hindus celebrate 'right' living?
Experience	Visit from a Christian minister		Visit from an Imam		Visit from a Pujari	
Y4	Enquiry Question: DOES LIFE HAVE PURPOSE?					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lesson 1	KQ: What do Christians believe about the purpose of life?	KQ: How do Christian beliefs about life's purpose affect their behaviour?	KQ: What do Muslims believe about the purpose of life?	KQ: How do Christian beliefs about life's purpose affect their behaviour?	KQ: What do Hindus believe about the purpose of life?	KQ: How do Hindu beliefs about life's purpose affect their behaviour?
Lesson 2	KQ: What does the Bible say about the purpose of life?	KQ: How do Christian rituals emphasise beliefs about life's purpose?	KQ: What does the Bible say about the purpose of life?	KQ: How do Christian rituals emphasise beliefs about life's purpose?	KQ: What do Hindu texts say about the purpose of life?	KQ: How do Hindu rituals emphasise beliefs about life's purpose?
Experience	Panel of parents from different faiths		Panel of parents from different faiths		Panel of parents from different faiths	
Y5	Enquiry Question: HOW SHOULD WE EXIST TOGETHER?					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lesson 1	KQ: How do Christians believe we should treat each other?	KQ: How do Christian beliefs about community affect their behaviour?	KQ: How do Muslims believe we should treat each other?	KQ: How do Muslim beliefs about community affect their behaviour?	KQ: How do Hindus believe we should treat each other?	KQ: How do Hindu beliefs about community affect their behaviour?
Lesson 2	KQ: What does the Bible say about how we should treat each other?	KQ: How do Christian rituals create a sense of community?	KQ: What does the Qur'an say about how we should treat each other?	KQ: How do Muslim rituals create a sense of community?	KQ: What do Hindu texts say about how we should treat each other?	KQ: How do Hindu rituals create a sense of community?
Experience	Visit from a Christian minister		Visit from an Imam		Visit from a Pujari	
Y6	Enquiry Question: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lesson 1	KQ: What do Christians believe about the after-life?	KQ: How do Christian beliefs about the after-life affect their behaviour?	KQ: What do Muslims believe about the after-life?	KQ: How do Muslim beliefs about the after-life affect their behaviour?	KQ: What do Hindus believe about the after-life?	KQ: How do Hindu beliefs about the after-life affect their behaviour?
Lesson 2	KQ: What does the Bible say about life after death?	KQ: How do Christians mark the end of this life?	KQ: What does the Qur'an say about life after death?	KQ: How do Muslims mark the end of this life?	KQ: What do Hindu texts say about life after death?	KQ: How do Hindus mark the end of this life?
Experience	Panel of parents from different faiths		Panel of parents from different faiths		Panel of parents from different faiths	