

RE Curriculum Hope Community School

We wholeheartedly follow the Bexley Agreed Syllabus as this reflects that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian, whilst taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions presented in Great Britain. This agreed syllabus expects schools as a minimum to provide opportunities for pupils to be taught about Christianity and the five recognised world faiths and also explore the secular world view. We support this inclusive approach.

Christianity Year Two

THEME/ CONTENT	KEY IDEAS AND BELIEFS	KEY QUESTIONS
THE CHURCH The Parish Church	Worship and Belonging	Why do Christians belong to a Church?
CHRISTMAS as a celebration	Christmas is a celebration	How do Christians celebrate Christmas?
JESUS: LIFE AND TEACHING Living as a Christian	Jesus changed/changes people	What is it like being a follower of Jesus?
EASTER Forgiveness	New beginnings as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection	Why is Easter important to Christians?

Hinduism Year Two

THEME/ CONTENT	KEY IDEAS AND BELIEFS	KEY QUESTIONS
CELEBRATIONS Divali	Story of Rama and Sita. Battle of good over evil. Importance of the symbol of light	What does the festival of Divali remember? How is the festival celebrated? What can Hindus learn from the festival of Divali?
BELIEVING Belief in God – Namaste	God is in everything	What do Hindus believe about God?
Hindu gods	One God represented in different names and images e.g. Vishnu, Krishna, Ganesh, Rama	How does the belief in God in different forms help Hindus to understand God more fully?
Stories of Hindu gods e.g. Ganesh and Krishna	The importance of stories which lie behind beliefs about God e.g. Ganesh – remover of obstacles Krishna – a special baby	Why are Ganesh and Krishna special gods for Hindus? What can Hindus learn from stories about the deities about what to believe and how to live?
WORSHIP Worship in the home and mandir	Worship takes place in the home and the mandir (temple). Every Hindu home has a shrine. All the senses are involved in worship	Why is it important to worship as a Hindu family in the home? What happens during worship and what does this mean? What happens at the mandir?
CELEBRATIONS Special times: Holi and Raksha Bandhan	Holi-remembering the story of Prahlad and his devotion to God. A festival of colour. Raksha Bandhan – celebrating the importance of sibling loyalty	What do the festivals of Holi and Raksha Bandhan remember? How are they celebrated? What can Hindus learn from these festivals?