



# LOUGHTON CURRICULUM: WORLDVIEW THINKERS

*Welcome to the latest edition of the Loughton Curriculum Newsletter focused on Religious Education. The children have been involved in a variety of lessons and activities centred around religious education, and they will continue to explore more throughout the year.*

## Autumn term

The Autumn term has primarily focused on exploring Christmas and how Christians observe and celebrate this special time of year. Across the school, there was a progression of learning focused on Christmas, covering a range of topics. Year 3 explored the importance of sacred texts and traditions, Year 4 delved into the theme of journeys, and Year 5 reflected on peace and the Christmas Truce. Year 6 spent some time exploring Islam and Judaism and they were able to link their learning of Hanukkah to their science topic on light. They took time to compare and contrast Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

## Spring term

In the spring term, the entire school focuses on learning about Easter and how Christians celebrate and reflect during this time. In Year 4, as part of their immersive learning about India, the children explored the Hindu religion and even participated in a Hinduism Day.

## What's coming up in the Summer term

The summer term will bring an exciting new event to Loughton School! We are creating our very own multi-cultural day, so be sure to keep an eye on ParentMail for more details.

## Enrichment sessions

As part of our curriculum at Loughton School, we've been offering enrichment afternoons for the children. Each of these afternoons, one child from each class is selected to participate. During the RE enrichment session, the children had the opportunity to explore, theorise, and reflect on what the concepts of "Believing, Belonging, and Behaving" mean to them.

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## An activity for you to try!

Try this matching activity! You'll need to match each religion with its sacred text, place of worship, and symbol.

### Did you know?

The following celebrities are followers of each of the six major religions:

- Orlando Bloom is Buddhist.
- Denzel Washington is Christian.
- Julia Roberts is Hindu.
- Mike Tyson is Muslim.
- Michael Douglas is Jewish.

Religion	Sacred text	Place of worship	Symbol
Christianity	The Torah	Gurdwara	
Buddhism	The Vedas	A Mandir	
Sikhism	The Bible	A Synagogue	
Hinduism	The Qur'an	A Mosque	
Judaism	The Tripitaka	A Church	
Islam	The Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Temples or Monasteries	

## Useful websites:

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[Bridgebuilder Trust MK](#)

## Calling all parents!

We ask our parents who belong to a religious group to let us know if there are any available spaces as we would love to share this information with newly arrived or families who join us later.

## RE activities and visits

At Loughton School, we strive to enrich our children's education through a variety of trips and visits that enhance their understanding and provide them with valuable religious context. The whole school participates in regular assemblies led by Bridgebuilder, where Peter encourages the children to reflect on different situations and think about how they would approach them. There are trips to the Loughton Baptist Church where the children are able to be in a place of worship whilst adding to their learning (year 6 go to Christmas Cracked and Year 5 go to Easter Cracked). We partake in Christingle making each year and are even aiming to once again host a colour run in the Summer term to honour the Hindu festival Holi.