



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 7	Subject: Religious Studies
What is religion?	
A short introduction to the main religions of the UK, including an exploration of some of the greatest pieces or art in the world that express religious beliefs. How do people express commitment to their religion?	
People of God/Prophecy	

Does the world need prophets today?

We explore the writings of prophets and the biblical character of Noah looking using Genesis 6 – 9. What does the story teach us about God? We also use the stories of Isaiah and Amos to discover how humans should behave according to God's laws. Explore what the passages reveal about God and his relationship with the human race. We ask the question - how a prophet would help out Walsall?

Incarnation

Why do Christians believe Jesus is God on earth?

We explore birth narratives of Matthew and Luke. What sort of person do you think God would choose to be the mother of the Messiah? What qualities were the Jews looking for in the Messiah? How did Jesus react to being tempted? Why did Jesus tell parables? What made the disciples give up everything to follow Jesus?

Gospel

What's so radical about Jesus?

Explore Biblical texts which show Jesus challenging the accepted norms of society. What evidence is there that Jesus was a rebel? What criticism is Jesus making of the religious leaders? What does Jesus teach us about God? Who might find this bad news? Why were the Pharisees surprised that Jesus was spending time with "sinners"?

Non-religious worldviews

How do atheists view the world?

This topic explores Humanism and Veganism as alternate worldviews. Question where non-believers get their moral code from, what they believe about humanity, how they should treat others and how they believe the world was created. In an increasingly secular UK, understand that non-believers aren't inherently bad people by understanding some alternate worldviews to classic religion.

Islam

What is the Ummah? Who are the different groups of Muslims? Why is the Qur'an so important?

This topics offers an opportunity to dig deeper into Islam, looking at the concept of the Ummah, the Sunni/Shi'a split, Sufism, the revelation of the Qur'an, the nature of Allah. You will finish Year 7 by studying the 5 Pillars of Islam.

Information

Blue Coat Church of England School follows a combination of 'Understanding Christianity' from the Church of England Education Office, and the Walsall and Wolverhampton Agreed Syllabus. Each unit has a key question with 3 areas of study:

- (i) 'Explore' - Key texts and beliefs from various religions
- (ii) 'Relate' – How do the actions of the believer relate to the beliefs?
- (iii) 'Apply' – How can I apply the belief to what I see of my life and the world around me?