Religion and Worldviews in EYFS

The below topics are from the EYFS Kapow scheme of work. In EYFS we focus on developing and understanding of different beliefs, cultures and values. We recognise our own identity and others, understanding that not everyone will share the same beliefs, instilling empathy and respect. We identify basic values such as kindness, sharing and honesty through our core values, linking this to how different religions promote values like compassion and forgiveness. Children participate in different religious festivals throughout the year and are given opportunities for reflection and discussion.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<u>Time to celebrate</u> Exploring the significance of various festivals, through stories, images and creative activities; learning about the customs and meanings behind these celebrations. <u>Christingle</u> Exploring the meaning and symbolism of the Christingle as part of our learning about Christmas and Christian traditions. Developing their understanding of Jesus and the importance of light in Christian celebrations.	<u>What makes us special?</u> Exploring the different ways people are special; using stories, discussions and creative activities to learn about what makes themselves, people around them and in the community special. <u>Easter</u> Developing and understanding of the Christian story of Easter, focusing on key themes such as new life, hope, and the importance of love and kindness. Exploration of Christian symbols like the cross, eggs, and the empty tomb, recognising how these reflect Christian beliefs.	<u>Why are some places special?</u> Investigating what makes places special and significant to different people.
Throughout the year, children will be introduced to a variety of religious festivals and traditions from different faiths, as they naturally occur in the calendar. They will learn about diverse beliefs, celebrations, and ways of life. Through stories, music, food, art, and role play, children will explore the meaning behind these special times, fostering respect for others. These experiences encourage curiosity, empathy, and a sense of belonging, laying foundations for inclusive and respectful attitudes in RE and beyond.		