

To our school community,

This September, we are excited to launch our new RE syllabus 'Believing and Belonging' which has been written by Pennine Learning. It reflects our aims that RE should stimulate interest and nurture understanding of religion/ world views whilst also contributing to pupils' awareness of and sensitivity to diversity in our communities and world.

This syllabus covers Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and non-religious approaches.

An important part of helping children to learn about RE is 'lived experiences'. As a school, we will be looking at trips and visitors that can further children's understanding.

At Beechwood Primary School, we celebrate and support diversity – we enjoy teaching and learning about different places, cultures and beliefs. With that in mind, we would like to ask if any member of our school community would be willing to come and speak to children about their 'lived experience'. This term, we would love to invite you in to talk about:

- Harvest Festival
- Diwali
- Eid
- Community Soup Kitchens, local volunteers, charity groups
- Your experiences and religious stories that teach about how to care for others and what this looks like in everyday life
- How your religion helps you to make good choices (this may include e.g. the ten commandments or the 5 pillars)
- Inspirational people/ leaders in your life (this could be linked to a religion or be non-religious)
- Your experience of a rite of passage
- Sikhism

Please contact us if you are interested in this and we can offer support with your visit.

Kind regards

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