

Heatherlands Jigsaw RE Overview 2025-2026

Rationale: At our school, we follow the **Jigsaw RE scheme**, which supports an enquiry-based, inclusive approach and aligns with the **BCP RE Syllabus (2023–2028)**. This syllabus requires the study of **two Abrahamic religions, two Dharmic religions, and one non-religious worldview**, ensuring pupils develop a broad and balanced understanding of beliefs and values. We have chosen to focus on **Christianity, Islam, Sanātana Dharma (Hinduism), Buddhism, and Humanism**. **Christianity** is taught through key festivals such as **Christmas and Easter**, and is further supported by **half-termly assemblies led by our local church**, which focus on the **teachings and life of Jesus**. We include **Islam** as it is the **fastest-growing major religion in the UK**, helping pupils understand an increasingly significant faith in both national and global contexts. **Sanātana Dharma** and **Buddhism** are included as **non-Western religious and cultural traditions** that originate in South and East Asia. They offer rich perspectives that broaden children's understanding of diverse worldviews and introduce concepts such as karma, mindfulness, compassion, and spiritual practice beyond a Western framework. **Humanism** is taught as a non-religious worldview, reflecting the beliefs of **around 29% of the UK population, with 7% identifying explicitly as Humanist**. While we do not teach **Judaism** as a standalone unit, its key teachings are included in **assemblies**, particularly where they underpin Christian heritage and values. Given that **only around 0.5% of the UK population identifies as Jewish**, and with limited representation in our local demographic, this approach ensures that Judaism's significance is recognised while keeping our curriculum balanced and contextually relevant.

Worldviews Overview 2025-2026

	EYFS	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Autumn Term 1	Special people Various word views	What do Christians believe about God? Christianity	Who is God to Muslims? Islam	What motivates Humanists to lead good lives? Humanism	Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in their everyday lives? Islam	How do inspirational people impact on how Humanists live today? Humanism	What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? Islam
Autumn Term 2	Christmas Various word views	What gifts might a Christian in my town give Jesus if he had been born here rather than Bethlehem? Christianity	What might Sanatanis learn from the story of Rama and Sita and the celebrations of Diwali? Sanatana Dharma	Has Christmas lost its true meaning? Christianity	What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today? Christianity	Is the Christmas story true? Christianity	Do Christian celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? Christianity
Spring Term 1	Celebrations Various word views	What do Humanists believe? Humanism	How important is the prophet Muhammad to Muslims? Islam	Could Jesus heal people? Did He perform miracles or was there some other explanation? Christianity	Does completing a pilgrimage make a person a better Muslim? Islam	What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God? Christianity	Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead a good life? Islam
Spring Term 2	Easter Various word views	Why was Jesus welcomed like a King or celebrity on Palm Sunday? Christianity	How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion? Christianity	What is 'good' about Good Friday? Christianity	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians? Christianity	How significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die? Christianity	Is Christianity still a strong religion over 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth? Christianity
Summer Term 1	Stories Various word views	Why is the story of the Buddha important to Buddhists? Buddhist	Who is God to Sanatanis? Sanatana Dharma	Is it possible for everyone to be happy? Buddhist	Does visiting the Ganges make a person a better Sanatani? Sanatana Dharma	What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs? Buddhist	How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? Sanatana Dharma
Summer Term 2	Special places Various word views	What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? Right Speech/Right Action Buddhist	Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time? Christianity	Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place? Buddhist	What do some deities tell Sanatanis about God? Sanatana Dharma	What is the best way for a Buddhist to live a good life? Right living and intention Buddhist	Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Sanatanis live good lives? Sanatana Dharma