



Bredon Hill Academy – RE Newsletter – Term 1

Welcome to the first letter of the RE department, we would like to keep you up-to-date about what pupils are doing in their RE lessons here at BHA.

What we are currently studying:	Questions you could ask at home:
<p>Year 6 – What is belief? Key world religions Pupils discuss the difference between fact and belief, explore why both are important to people and find out some basics about the major world religions. They also learn about Humanists, atheists and agnostics.</p>	<p>What is the difference between fact and belief? Why do some people believe in God/gods whilst others don't? What do Humanists believe? Is Humanism a religion? How do religious/non-religious people live together in society?</p>
<p>Year 7 – The Bible; the big story Pupils explore the Bible and some of its key theology including creation, Fall, sin, forgiveness, sacrifice, justice, exile and Messiah. Encouraging pupils to ask and answer some of the 'BIG' questions.</p>	<p>Why do Christians have varying interpretations of the Bible? How does the Bible fit into a modern Christian lifestyle? Does religion really help us answer the 'BIG' questions?</p>
<p>Year 8 – Buddhism Pupils explore some of the key aspects of Buddhism including the Noble Eightfold Path. They research the major branches of Buddhism and make comparisons with other religions.</p>	<p>What is the Eightfold Path and why is it important to Buddhists? Is Buddhism really a religion or is it a philosophy? How has Buddhism adapted to encompass modern society?</p>



Links that could be useful (research, homework, better understanding)

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/> (has the basics of the key world religions)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/religion> (lots of links to videos which could help with the topics being studied)

<http://www.buddhismforbeginners.com/> (particularly useful for Year 8 in the Buddhism topic)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround> (keeping pupils up-to-date in terms of world events, also gives simple explanations of things that are often misunderstood)

Other things you can do to help at home:

- Encourage your son/daughter to watch the news/Newsround at least once a week.
- Encourage your son/daughter to read a newspaper regularly.
- Encourage discussion about world events, helping them to become a critical thinker.



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