



Bredon Hill Academy – RE Newsletter – Term 2

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 – Islam and the Muslim world</p> <p>Pupils learn about the history and traditions of the second largest religion in the world. Challenge misconceptions. Looking at the five pillars of Islam along with the importance of holy places and pilgrimage.</p>	<p>What are the key features of Islam?</p> <p>What are the 5 pillars and why are they important?</p> <p>How do Muslims approach Ramadan?</p> <p>Why do Muslims see hajj (pilgrimage) as so important?</p> <p>Why are there so many misconceptions about Islam in our modern world?</p>
<p>Year 7 – Hinduism</p> <p>Pupils learn about the history and traditions of Hinduism. They will consider what the key features of the religion are. Pupils will explore the misconceptions about Hindu gods/goddesses.</p>	<p>What are the key features of Hinduism?</p> <p>What is the misconception about gods/goddesses and what is the real belief of Hindus?</p> <p>Which festivals are important to Hindus and what are the celebrations like?</p>
<p>Year 8 – Christian Denominations</p> <p>Pupils look at how Christianity has become many different denominations. They will learn about the history of why the Christian church split and begin to understand how the various denominations differ. They will also focus on the question of whether they should try to become more ecumenical.</p>	<p>Why did Christianity split into various denominations?</p> <p>What are some of the key denominations?</p> <p>How do the denominations differ? Why?</p> <p>What does an ecumenical church do? How does it do this?</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)

<https://www.islamreligion.com/> (particularly useful for Year 6 in the Islam 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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