

# Religious Education in the Foundation Stage- Reception



## What does it look like?

Children in Reception learn about how we are all different and that we have different likes and dislikes. In finding out about others, children start reflecting on the beliefs and cultures. They will begin to explore how other people have different beliefs and will learn about traditions such as Diwali, Eid and Chinese New Year. They will learn about Christianity and some of the key celebrations, such as, Christmas and Easter. Experiences will be captured through stories, photos, toys, role-play, dance, art and design and conversations children have with peers and adults. These early experiences provide the foundations for more formal teaching of RE in preparation for when they move to year one. The children's learning is guided through their interests, individual needs and stages of

## WOW words

- Church
- Culture
- Religion
- Tradition
- Diwali, Eid, Christianity, Buddhist
- Chinese New Year
- Community
- Celebrate
- Individual

## Early Years Outcomes

### Children in Reception will:

Understand that some places are special to members of their community.

Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

### Early Learning Goal: People, Culture and Communities

Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences

## Key Knowledge and Skills- Children will:

- Learn what a celebration/ festival is.
- Learn about different festivals/ celebrations that occur each year. Such as Christmas, Chinese New Year, Eid, Diwali, Easter.
- Know what a church is and why people go there.
- Talk about and share traditions in their own family.
- Compare similarities and differences between each others traditions.
- Understand that not everyone shares the same beliefs and that is okay.
- Explore first-hand some of the experiences that take place during festivals. Such as, dancing, food tasting, singing and creating art work.



## Key Questions

- Who is important to you?
- What does your family celebrate and how?
- How is this religion different?
- What things do you like?
- What things do you dislike?
- When was Jesus born?
- Why do people go to church?

