

Adaptive Teaching for inclusive *RE*

**LTLRE Area 1 RE Conference
2nd October 2026**

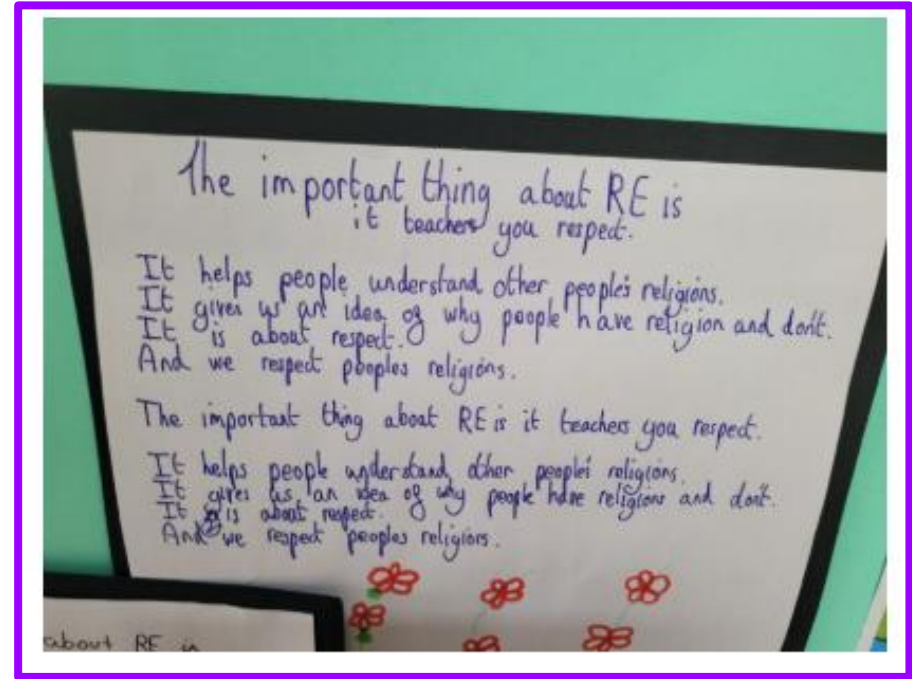


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SACRE

- 2 form entry, community primary in Mid Devon.
- Average levels of FSM
- Average levels of SEND
- Above average levels of pupils with an EHCP
- Above average levels of deprivation.
- Staff attitudes to RE (incl. Not leaving to TAs to teach), SEND engagement, quality of teaching have all been a massive journey - over ten years.



Why adapt teaching in *RE*?

'One-third of all individuals referred to the UK's Prevent anti-radicalisation programme have a recorded neurodiversity.'

gov.uk 6 November 2025 .

What is good for some is good for all

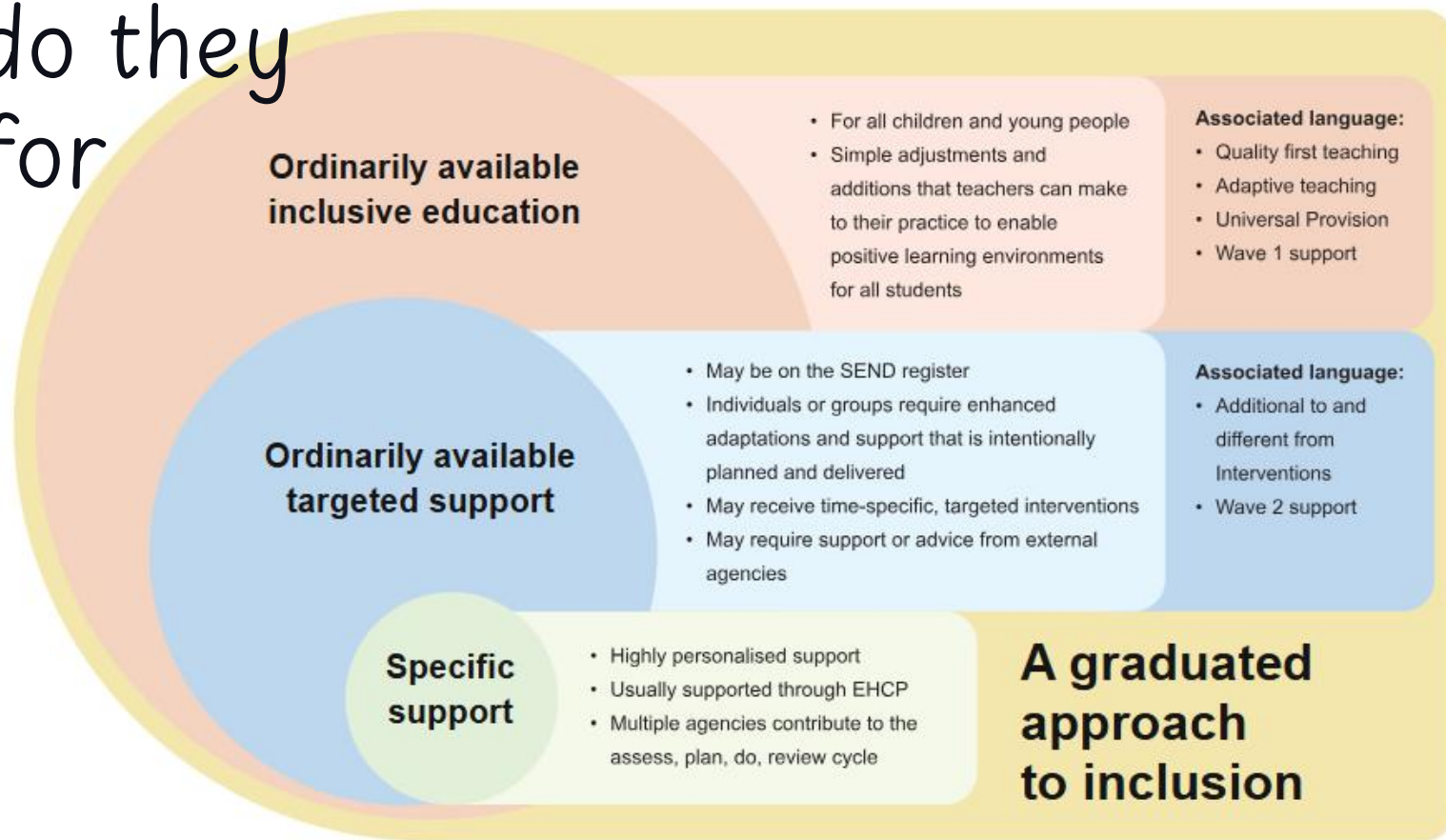
- Think about your preparation for today's conference...



- All children have to right to a broad and balanced curriculum - **unique viewpoint**
- Safeguarding incl. Contextual safeguarding

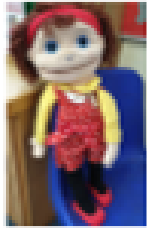
OAIP & OATS

What do they
mean for
RE?



Visual supports and tools

- **Word maps, visual word banks**
- Adapted knowledge organisers
- Combine spoken language with physical object or image
- Storyboards, story maps
- Multisensory activities



Christian

What places are special and why?



A

church

is



a

place



which



is

special



to

Christians.



Word Bank



Ibadah

The Islamic word for worship.

Fasting

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The combination of thought, action and speech to show faith in Islam.

Five pillars

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'Sticky Knowledge'



- To know that the five pillars of Islam are important parts of worship for many Muslims.
- To begin to identify symbols which represent the five pillars.
- To know that some Muslims pray regularly and that they wash first and use a prayer mat.
- To know that Ramadan is a Muslim festival when many Muslims do not eat during the day.



prayer mat



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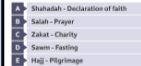
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- To know that Muslims believe that peace comes from being in harmony with Allah.
- To know that Ibadah is the Muslim word for the worship of God and that the five pillars of Islam are important parts of worship for many Muslims.
- To know that some Muslims pray five times a day in the manner taught by Mohammed.
- To know that many Muslims wash before prayer and pray facing Mecca.
- To know that one of the five pillars (sawm) is fasting from dawn to dusk during the month of Ramadan.
- To know the key events of the month of Ramadan
- To know that Iman means faith.



Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?



God

is a



special



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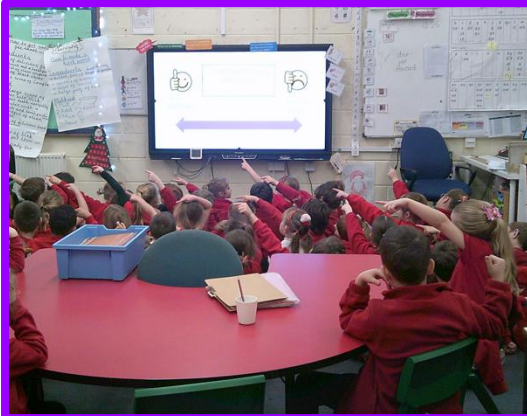
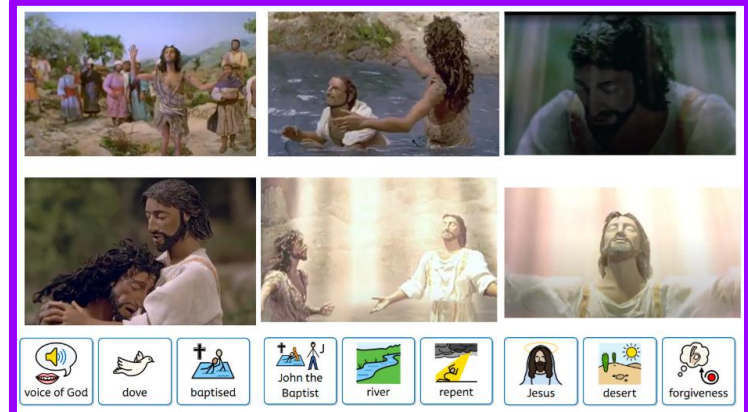
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Making Connections

- **Tasks designed to review prior learning and link learning - 'little and often'.**
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start

What do Hindus believe about god?

What is the Hindu sacred building?

What is Brahman?

finish

What does the aum symbol represent?

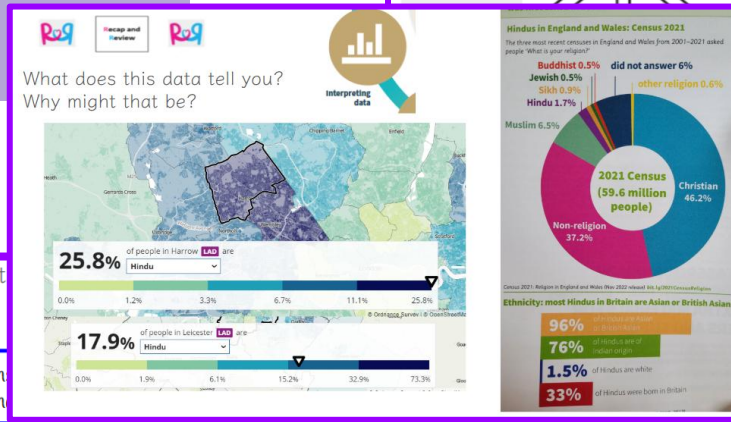
Who are the Trimurti? What do they represent?



Race to Remember?

Can you remember the 'sticky knowledge'?

Who will be first to beat the spider to the web?





creator



design



grace



Sabbath

Can you match the word to meaning and sentence?

A plan for something before it is built or made.

A religious day of rest.

Someone who makes something.

A prayer said before a meal.

Christian and attend

Before I make my pick and mix I am going to draw a

Christians believe God is the of the Earth.

Before they ate the vicar said

How would you group these photos? Why?





Recording:

- Children and young people are supported through the use of a range of methods for recording learning.

Bar Mitzvah - true or false?

 aged 13	 read a poem
 in the synagogue	 aged 10
 read the Torah	 learn Hebrew
 remembers the Holocaust	 at home

First Communion - true or false?

 girls only	 special lessons
 in church	 taking communion
 girls wear white	 at home
	



What do Christians learn from the Creation story?

"The creation story tells Christians to love God," Amy
 "I think the creation story tells Christians God is important," Maria and Grace
 "God loves everyone," Roy, Roy, Oliver
 "It's a good world and we should look after it," Helen
 "I love God," Alfie
 "It's a good person and the best," Zilan
 "All Christians God created the universe in," Thomas, Rogan, Jasmine and Louie
 "Christians who the first people were,"
 "I loved the world," Kaleb
 "Good," James
 "Helpful," Martin and Havana
 "All Christians learn from the creation the care of what God has made for us," Kit, Florence, Freya, Kasper and Leo
 "I think the fall tells Christians they should say sorry when they hurt someone," Margo
 "They learn not to eat the apple and be tempted," Lola and Ivy
 "It tells Christians that Adam and Eve sinned," Rogan
 "Christians there shouldn't be sin," Kaitlyn
 "The fall tells Christians to listen to God," Zeenat
 "The fall tells Christians to be good," James, Alfie
 "I think the fall tells everyone to do good things like listen to God and to not give into temptation," Isla
 "It tells Christians to listen," Aiden and Jasmine
 "It tells Christians to do what they should do,"
 "It tells Christians that sin came into the world," Martin and Kasper
 "It tells Christians bad things can happen," Maria
 "It tells Christians to be kind," Leelah
 "It tells Christians to do what they are told," Emilia
 "I think the fall tells Christians that Adam and Eve sinned," Louie
 "I think it tells Christians that bad things come into the world and we can't stop them but to make them better we can say sorry to God," Roxy
 "I think it tells Christians that sin does matter," Tom
 "Sin can be dangerous," Kaleb
 "I think it tells Christians that you shouldn't disobey God," Kit
 "It tells Christians to be kind, respectful and loving," Florence
 "It tells Christians to make good choices," Thomas
 "It tells Christians Adam and Eve picked forbidden apples," Freya
 "Christians should do good stuff," Leo

Shahadah is a statement that they believe
 There is no god except Allah. Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.

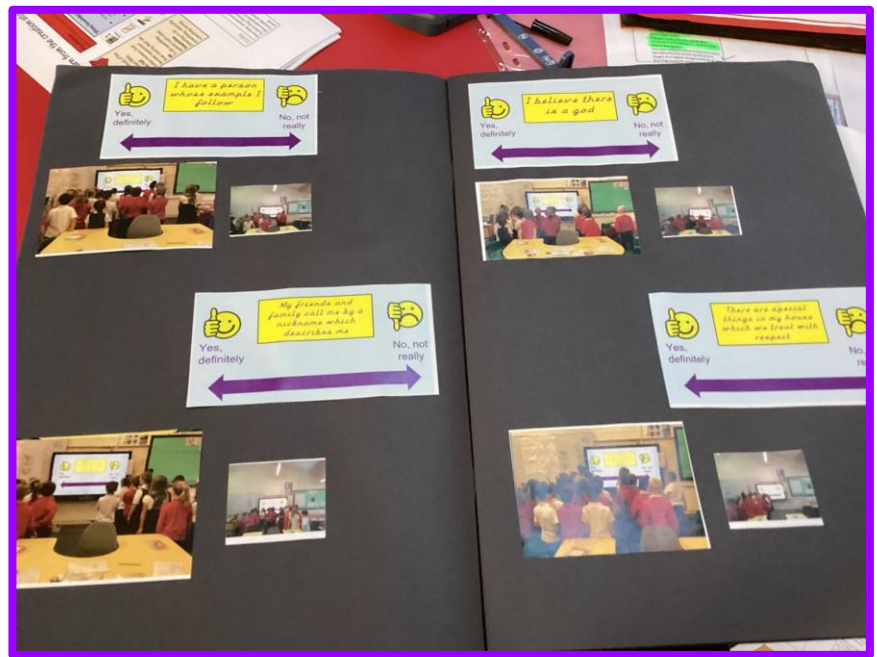
How do Christians describe God?
 What is God like?
 Father, Son, Holy Spirit
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A Sense of Self

- Provide opportunities for children and young people to develop a positive sense of self & build connection and belonging.



Dear Future Learner,



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