



Year 7 / Blwyddn 7

Spring Term Discovery Newsletter

Our Theme: 'Challenges & Questions'

Pupils will be exploring the topic 'Why is life so important?' focussing on the beliefs, traditions and practices of Christians and Hindus, leading to pupils drawing comparisons between life in the UK and India. Other 'Big' questions will be explored such as 'Why is religion so important to so many people?' whilst enquiring about the Middle Ages – 'Why was the church so powerful in the Middle Ages?' Pupils will also develop an in-depth understanding of the challenges facing people in the UK & India and develop an understanding about the 'Importance of the Church' and 'Kings in History' – *Who did kill Thomas Beckett?* and *Why was King John remembered as a bad king?*

Literacy Development

Throughout this term pupils will:

Writing: plan their writing, making choices about the best way to present content for effect.

Oracy: present topics clearly, using formal language, varying what they say and how they say it to create interest, reach consensus and agree actions in a group setting.

Reading: collate and summarise relevant information.

Numeracy Development

Throughout this term pupils will: collect their own data, construct and interpret graphs that describe real-life situations, apply understanding of bearings and scale to interpret maps and plans to create accurate plans and scale drawings of routes and journeys.

Digital Competence

Throughout this term pupils will:

Use many features of a range of software to produce and refine multimedia components. Use software tools to create and enhance image, sound, animation and video components; combining the components to produce appropriate outcomes for a range of audiences and purposes.

Assessment: Pupils will work in groups. Each group will plan, write and deliver a TV news segment or magazine-style TV report (a bit like the One Show!) about life in the UK and India. Pupils will have the option (subject to parental permission) to film themselves delivering their TV news segment/magazine TV report.

Cross-Curricular Links: This theme will link with the ICT and English Departments.