

R.E: SPECIAL WAYS OF LIVING KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Overview


-Your 'way of life' means the things that you do normally from day-to-day, week-to-week, and year-to-year.

-This can include ordinary activities and events, and also activities and events that are special to you.

-All over the world, people have very different ways of living. This can be influenced by where they come from, but also by their religion.


-People of different religions have many activities and events that they take part in which are sacred or important

Ramadan is a particularly sacred time for Muslim people.



In Christianity

'Love One Another'




-Jesus told Christians that they should love one another.

-One story that he told, which helped to explain this idea, was The Good Samaritan.

- In the story, a Jewish traveller is beaten up and robbed, and is left for dead along the side of the road. A priest comes by, but avoids the man. A lawyer comes by, but he also avoids the injured man. Finally, a Samaritan comes by. Even though Samaritans and Jews didn't normally get along, he helps the man in an act of mercy and compassion. He showed that we can all get along with one another.

Church on Sundays



-Sunday is the holiest day of the week in Christianity. This is because it is the day the Lord 'rested' and the day of Jesus' resurrection.


-On Sundays, church services are held, where Christians come together to worship God and Jesus.

-At these services, worshippers sing hymns, read and listen to prayers, and also listen to Bible readings and sermons.

-Christian children may also attend Sunday school, where they learn more about the Bible and some of the stories within it.

In Islam

Prayer



-Muslims believe that they have a duty to pray to Allah (God) five times a day.


-This happens at dawn, midday, late afternoon, after sunset and late evening.

-A mu'adin calls people to prayer from the top of the minaret (tall thin towers on mosques).


-Before praying, Muslims complete a washing sequence called a Wudu.

-Wherever they are in the world, Muslims face Makkah (their holy city) when they pray.

-They remove their shoes as a sign of respect.



Ramadan



-During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast (do not eat food or drink water) during the day, until sunset.

-They believe that this helps them to understand what life is like for those less fortunate than themselves.

-Young children do not have to fast, although many choose to.


-At the end of Ramadan, there is a big festival called Eid-ul fitr.

Key Vocabulary

- Way of Life
- Special
- Sacred
- Charity
- Fundraising
- Prayers
- Good Samaritan
- Wudu
- Mosque
- Child Monks
- The Buddha
- Noble Eightfold Path
- Ten Precepts

In Buddhism

The Buddha



- The Buddha was a man called Siddhartha Gautama.


-He lived 500 years before Jesus in an area of the world that is now Nepal, in Asia.

-He started a religion called Buddhism.

-Buddhists believe that peacefulness and wisdom can be achieved through meditation.

They also follow the Noble Eightfold Path: Eight ideas that he set out for them for living well.

Child Monks



-In countries such as Thailand and Sri Lanka, once they are eight years old, many young boys and girls become monks for a short time.

-They shave their heads, wear simple robes, obey the Ten Precepts, do housework, meditate, chant, and worship Buddha.

-This brings merit to their families.

Personal Spirituality – Key Questions

- What are the special times in my day?
- What are the special times in my week/ year?
- What are the special events in my day/ week/ year?
- What does it mean to care for others?
- How do I care for others around me?
- What can I do to help make the world a better place?
- How do my special times/ events compare to other people?
- How can I help others to celebrate special times and events?