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Believe and Achieve

Multi Faith Day

We had a highly creative and thoughtful time just before the holidays, when the whole school had a special day learning more about different religions. Religious Education is taught throughout the academic year but on occasion we like to raise the profile of our many diverse worlds and cultures. As a school it is important to remember that when we are looking at different religions it comes from a place of education rather than teaching of the faith. We passionately believe that all individuals and communities should be able to follow their beliefs without fear and that **a good education and understanding is the key for future generations.** Have a read about what the different year groups explored.

In **Reception** we had a special assembly all about Christianity. We also listened to the Easter story and we looked at special artefacts relating to the Christian faith. The children created Easter gardens and they made their own cross using lollipop sticks and Easter confetti. They also tasted hot cross buns.



As part of Multi-Faith Day in **Nursery**, we tasted Hot Cross Buns. We talked about why we have hot cross buns at Easter Time.



Year 1

We have been learning about Christianity. We first looked at Lent and the Easter story. The children made a story wheel to help remember the importance of the Easter story and a palm cross as a symbol for Christians.



In **Year 2**, we have been learning all about Ramadan and Eid. We made a poster to explain the differences between Ramadan and Eid. We then made lanterns to celebrate Eid using black card, cellophane and sequins.



In **Year 3**, we learnt all about the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi. We learnt the story behind it and the different ways that it is celebrated.

One of the most popular ways of celebrating Vaisakhi is kite-flying. We had lots of fun designing our own kites for the festival and taking them outside for a fly! We also took part in some traditional Bhangra dancing which is danced to celebrate the festival of Baisakhi.



Year 4 have been learning about the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi/Baisakhi which takes place on the 14th April. This is the date when the Khalsa (Sikh community) was founded.

The pupils watched videos and read information to learn about this Spring festival. They then wrote about Vaisakhi in their topic books.



Year 5

In Year 5 we read the Exodus Story and discussed its importance within Jewish traditions.

We also had lots of fun making and eating Challah bread.



During multi faith day, **Year 6** learnt all about the Jewish festival of Passover which is influenced by the story of the Exodus. Children learnt and re-enacted this in small groups, creating their own story boards. They also learnt the symbolism of the items that are on the Seder plate and made their own Challah bread.

