### Religious Literacy (RL) Curriculums Dignity 1043 Our curriculum reflects our Blue School values and encourages children to think **Hope 879** deeply about being part of a faith community and to consider how we can Weekly flourish in the wisdom and authority of faith; how we can be peacemakers and be beacons of hope as well as be dignified in all that we do, caring for our world Parent Prayer Reminder!

**Absence Request Form** Please download <u>here</u>

**Community 781** 

Monday 29th January 9am, Small Meeting Room

Parents' prayers for the Blue school community.

We also take prayer

requests.

Everyone is welcome.

and teaching people to love others.

David A. Adler.

about the stories of Abram, Jacob and Joseph.

Langar and A Braveheart Sikh of Guru Har Gobind Sahib Ji.

and others. In RE children's' learning is enhanced by developing their own spirituality through our spirituality symbols: the candle - encounter, thinking beyond; the door transformation - thinking about others; the window - experiences, thinking about the world and the mirror - reflection, thinking about ourselves.

Religious Education (RE) and



At The Blue School we follow the **London Diocese Board of School** curriculum for RE, which supports children to gain an in-depth understanding of Christianity as well as learn about other world faiths. During this half term years 1-6 are covering other world faith units.

In Year 1 children are learning about Judaism and what it is like to live as a Jewish person, where they look at different Jewish artefacts such as the Star of David, the Kippah, Tallit and Menorah. In RL children are reading

everyone, born as God's son in human form (incarnation). They cover Jesus' miracles, including healing people

In Year 2 children are learning about Jewish festivals and celebrations, such as Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot and Hanukkah. In RL children are reading stories based on their unit such as Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup by Pamela Mayer and The Night Lights by Barbara Diamond Goldin.

In Year 3 children are also learning about Judaism and are thinking about what it means to be Jewish, covering the significance of the Shema, Passover and Seder meal. In RL children are reading The Story of Passover by

In Year 4 children are learning about how Hindus worship, covering content on Hindu gods and goddesses - the different attributes of Brahman and how Hindus worship at home and at a Mandir. In RL children are reading Tamarind & the Star of Ishta by Jasbinder Bilan.

In Year 5 children are learning about how the first five Sikh Gurus shaped Sikhism as well as Sikhism practices. In RL children are reading various stories based on Sikh Gurus such as Guru HarGobind Sahib and the limitless

In Year 6 children are learning about what it means to be a Buddhist, including the role the noble eightfold path plays in helping a Buddhist live. In RL children are reading various stories such as New Spring, The Happy Monk and The Silent Buddha.

As always, if you are an expert in any of the above religions and are happy to give a talk to the children to enhance their learning of the curriculum, please contact the office - we would love you to be involved!

Year 4 Trip - BAPS Shri Swaminarayan

This week, Year 4 children visited the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, London and participated in the 'Understanding Hinduism'

seers, and how this ancient religion is alive today through traditions such as the

**Year 4 Class Worship** 

God's Kingdom.

**Year 4 Dentist Visit** 

Last week Year 4 were very

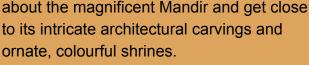
fortunate to have a visit from Mrs Morgan, a dentist and parent from

the Fruits of the Spirit. This

Last Friday, Year 4 Willows lead a class worship on The Holy Trinity and

enhanced this week's worship theme on Unity, helping the world - God's Kingdom. During our class worship children discussed how possessing the attributes of the spirit can help everyone to live well together in

Mrs Stallwood RE and RL Lead

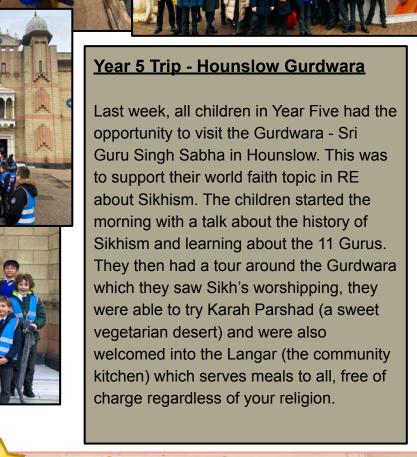


Swaminarayan Sampradaya. We felt thankful to have the opportunity to walk

Mandir, London

exhibition and discover the origin, beliefs and values of Hinduism, the contribution of Hindu

ornate, colourful shrines.



our Blue School community. She spoke to us about how best to look after our teeth and what happens if we don't take care of them. We learnt about why we need teeth, a tooth's anatomy and what foods will damage our teeth because they are high in sugar. Thank you so much to Mrs Morgan for her time and fantastic lesson on how to maximise our dental health!

## Fidget toy appeal **Donations wanted:** We know it is that time of year where you are clearing out after the festive season. If you have any old Christmas crackers (that have small toys inside), any party bag gifts, or small toys that are unwanted like small fidget toys, smelly stickers, pencils, rubbers and bouncy balls. Please donate via Year 5 Ash or to Miss Pearson. These will be used as small incentives or rewards for children across the school.

Open Days

link on our website.

**Admissions Nursery Applications** 

2024/25

Applications available in the school office and due

8th March 2024

**Anti-bullying Policy** 

**Privacy Notices** 

If you wonder how we use your data, please review

here

Please remember to download your child's

Christmas Nativity Performance -details were sent

Tooth Anatomy

## **Class Worship** All parents and carers are warmly invited to their child's Class Worship

Please remember to check your children for NITS & Head Lice Guidance here

name, class and what is wrong.

## Please return your Happy Bags by Friday, 2 February either in the office or your child's class at pick up or drop off!

latest karate grading on Sunday to

extremely hard throughout the last 3 months and endured a 6 hour grading to pass to the next level. Well done! If your child has achieved something special outside of school, please email office@theblueschool.com so we can share with the school community! Hope

Bruce and Josh of Y3 Elms passed their

achieve Half Green belts. Both worked



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Half-Term 12-16th February 2024 Please remember to give content on Arbor for the following: Y6 Worship Team St Paul's Trip 1 Feb We are delighted be be holding Open Days this term! Booking is available on Eventbrite through the

**Y6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting** 5-6pm 1 February (Main Hall)

## Y1 DT Workshop 1 Feb Y3 Synagogue Trip 2 Feb

### 9th February Y4 Beeches 1st March Y3 Oaks 22nd March Y3 Elms Absence Request Form Please download here And return these form to absence@theblueschool.com

# please also remember to let us know their

Outside of School Highlights!

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