



### Our religion's, our beliefs!

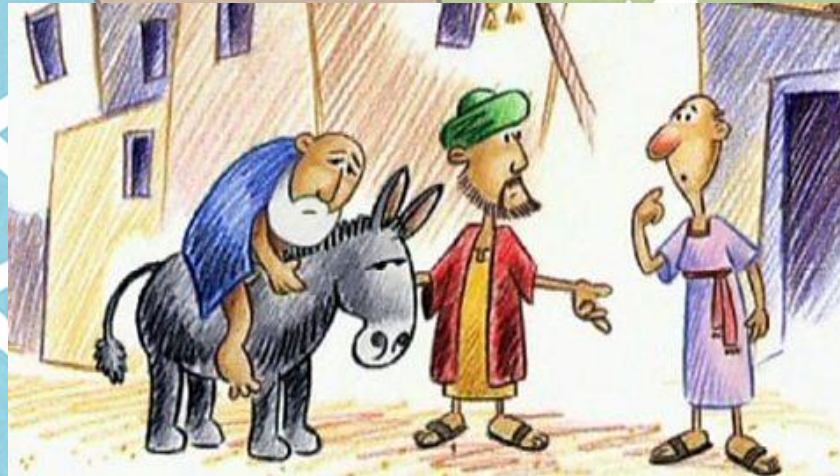
In this unit children will explore the basic ideas around what religion is and why it is an important part of our community. From the very beginning, children will explore the sense of belonging that comes from being part of a group or religion and the impact this has on us as individuals. The children will be immersed in the wonderful celebrations that are part of our community. From taking part in Harvest assemblies and celebrations to learning about an experiencing the colourful celebration of Diwali. The unit will explore how these celebrations; among others teach us to be thankful for what we have and how religious use these celebrations to show their thankfulness to God.

Towards the end of the term, the children will begin looking at the celebrations of Advent and Christmas. Through exploring the Christmas story children will gain a deeper understanding of what Christmas is all about, alongside being involved in creative activities of making their own advent calendars and being part of the school Christmas church service at St Mary's.

### Caring for Others – Christian Stories

In this unit children will explore many parables and stories from the bible to explore what caring for others looks like. From the feeding of the 5,000 to little Zacchaeus hiding in a tree- the children will explore what the Bible can teach us about how we should care for others. The children will have the opportunity to explore these stories using a multitude of resources, books, audios, the Bible and videos. Through role play, storyboarding and creative crafts children will explore what these Bible stories teach us and how we can use these lessons in our own life.

## RE Curriculum Overview Year 1



### The Church and the Gurdwara

In this unit children will see two of our local places of worship come to life. The children will spend quality time exploring the Christian Church and Sikh Gurdwara as two of our

The children will explore the outside and inside features of the buildings, learning key vocabulary for the different features. The children will begin to explore the purpose behind each of these features and begin to look at the role they play for the relevant religions group.

The children will have the opportunity to lead their own learning when they visit St Mary's – our local Church. They will explore for themselves what being inside this place of worship is like as well as following their own interests by taking part in a question & answer time with the Reverend. Throughout this unit children will have the opportunity to share and talk about their own experiences, feelings and beliefs.

Through reflecting on the importance of these places of worship for the religious groups, children will be able to reflect on what is important to them in their own lives and share these ideas with their peers.