



Summer 1 PRE curriculum objectives

Reception:

Theme: Avartar of Krishna.

For this term children will be learning about the different Avatars Krishna turned into when he came down to earth. Children will be memorising the pastimes through songs and role plays as well as using their writing skills to retell the pastimes.

Year 1:

Theme: Courage – Who will protect me?

Children will explore what makes them personally afraid in order to learn about, and begin to develop, courage and freedom from undue fear. They will learn the story of young Prahalad, his courage in adversity, his dependence on Krishna, and Krishna's reciprocation and protection.

Year 2:

Theme: Journeys

The children will be looking at the meaning of 'Pilgrimage' and understand why people make journeys to places of religious significance. The children will be comparing different places of religious significance around the world. Children will then go on to listen to various pastimes performed by Krishna at Vrindavan where he showed the Avanti value of this term 'courage' .

Year 3:

Theme: Karma

Pupils will consider the question: why do good things happen to people who act badly? Why do bad things happen to those who act well?

They will consider the notion of equality and fairness, exploring issues and events in their own Lives.

They will compare the Vaishnava view of Karma and associated temporal realms of happiness (heaven) and suffering (hell) as related to the notion of heaven and hell in Christianity.

Year 4:

Theme: Self

Pupils will explore the meaning of self and further their understanding of the difference between the spirit self (soul) and material self (body). They will learn the meaning of key terms and language related to self, including atma, paramatma.

Year 5:

Theme: The Mahabharata

Pupils will learn the basic structure of the history text Mahabharata, through drama, multimedia, reading, research and the arts (including performance and dance).

They will know and understand what makes a bad leader, a good leader and an outstanding one; through character study.

In addition children will learn the context of the sacred text Bhagavad Gita and Arjun's dilemma.