



Waterbeach Community Primary School

Curriculum Capture for Year EYFS

Understanding the World: Cultures and Beliefs

Key Knowledge

Children will learn that there are some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities around the world. Children will be given the opportunities share their own experiences with their peers at school. Alongside this they will draw on their own experiences as well as what we read at school in order to be able to explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. They will be taught to show an understanding of how other people choose to live and that it is okay to be different.

What is a Community?

- Communities are a group of people who live in a particular place or have something in common e.g. all of the teachers and children at our school make up our school community.
- People of the same religion are a religious community

What are Traditions?

- A tradition is something that people in a group or community do that has been passed down over time
- Different religious groups, cultures and communities celebrate different traditions

What are Ways of Life?

- A way of life is how you choose to spend your time
- Different people around the world have different ways of life
- Parts of your way of life may include your religious beliefs
- It is okay to have a different way of life to our friends.

What are Celebrations and Festivals?

- There are many events which people celebration throughout the year. These can be part of religion.
- Different people and communities celebrate different festivals and events.

Key Knowledge of Celebrations this Term

What is Chinese New Year?

- Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival
- It is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar
- In Chinese tradition, each year is named after one of 12 animals, which feature in the Chinese zodiac: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig
- The animals have a year dedicated to them once every 12 years, in a cycle



You can find out more about Chinese New Year by clicking on this link:

- [Chinese New Year](#) (On CBeebies)

What is Easter?

- Easter is a Christian festival that occurs in Spring to remember a very important part of the Bible. The Easter story is one of the most important festivals of the Christian Church celebrating Jesus dying but then coming back to life again.
- Easter teaches Christians that:
- Jesus is willing to forgive all
 - By rising from the dead, Jesus gives Christians hope in a new life
 - They should believe in life after death



You can find out more about Easter by clicking on these links:

- [The Christian Story of Easter](#)
- [Celebrating Easter](#) (On CBeebies)

Key Vocabulary

Religion	The belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods
Festival	A day or period of celebration, typically for religious reasons
Celebration	The action of celebrating an important day or event
Symbol	A picture or object that is used to represent something