



Heath Mount  
School

## Theology, Philosophy and Religion Curriculum Map Michaelmas Term 2023

**Year  
1**

**World Religion – Judaism  
Introduction to Philosophy**

To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will be introduced to Judaism by looking at what makes them special. They will also learn more about Jewish celebrations, Jewish symbols and Jewish places of worship. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will learn about the life and beliefs of the philosopher Aristotle. They will also be introduced to the themes of happiness, being a good friend and kindness. To finish the Michaelmas Term, the children will recall the Nativity Story, look at Christmas symbols as well as how Christians celebrate Christmas.

**Year  
2**

**World Religion – Hinduism  
Introduction to Philosophy**

To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will attempt to answer the questions: What is Philosophy? What is happiness? They will then learn about the life and beliefs of the philosopher Rene Descartes, with a focus on his views on imagination. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will study Hinduism as a world religion. They will learn about Hindu beliefs and celebrations, celebrate the festival of Diwali and analyse the story of Rama and Sita. To finish the Michaelmas Term, the children will move back to philosophy and will focus on Christmas and see if they can establish the difference between a want and a need. The children will also discuss the question: Why do we have a nativity?

**Year  
3**

**World Religion – Islam  
Philosophy**

To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will study Islam as a world religion. They will study the notion of belonging, the 5 Pillars of Islam, Jesus and Muhammad (PBUH) and multiple Creation Theories according to Christianity, Islam and Science. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will move on to study philosophy. They will begin by looking at people and animals and discuss the question: Should animals have the same rights as humans? The children will also discuss the notion of fairness, choice, children's rights and kindness. To finish the Michaelmas Term, the children will study the life and beliefs of two more important philosophers: Zera Yacob and Confucius where they will discuss the importance of manners.

**Year  
4**

**World Religion – Christianity  
Philosophy – Lifes' Journey**

	<p>To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will begin with a topic called 'The Journey of Life'. They will use poetry to discuss life's big questions and will design and write their own 'journey'. They will then move on to thinking, answering and asking philosophical style questions. The children will then be introduced to the lives and beliefs of three important philosophers: Plato, Socrates and Aristotle. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will move on to study Christianity as their world religion. They will study Christian beliefs and worship, Christian celebrations, and why Baptism is so important to Christians.</p>
<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religion – Christianity through Old Testament Bible Stories. Pupils will study Judaism later in the year.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Philosophy – Philosophers from around the world</b></p>
	<p>To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will study several Old Testament Bible Stories. This will include the story of Noah, Jacob, Joseph and his brothers, Moses, Samson and David and Goliath. The children will analyse each story and then study the philosophical themes connected to each one. The children will use these stories to discuss the notion of power, jealousy, freedom, trust and prejudice. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will study a variety of philosophers from around the world as well as philosophical style questions such as: What is Philosophy? What is a wise and unwise response? What is knowledge?</p>

<b>Year 6</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religion – Christianity through New Testament Bible Stories. Children will study Buddhism later in the year</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Philosophy – Philosophers from around the world</b></p> <p>To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will study a variety of New Testament Bible Stories. This will include the story of Mary, Strangers and a Star, John the Baptist, the Death of John the Baptist, the Wedding in Cana, the 12 Disciples and the Kingdom of God. The children will analyse each story and then study the philosophical themes connected to each one. The children will use these stories to discuss the notion of miracles, expectation, obedience, temptation, lying, power, friendship and forgiveness. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will study a variety of philosophers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson (strengths and weaknesses) Rene Descartes (knowledge) and Buddha (the art of Kintsugi).</p>
<b>Year 7</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theology, Philosophy and Religion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Libellum Course Year 1</b></p> <p>To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will study several Old Testament Bible Stories and analyse the philosophical and theological elements within them. This will include learning about Creation according to Genesis 1 and comparing this belief to how science suggests the world was created by studying the Intelligent Design Theory, the Big Bang Theory and Darwin’s Theory of Evolution. The children will also touch upon stewardship, the environment and climate change. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will also learn the story of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, the Near Sacrifice of Isaac, Moses, David and Bathsheba and Solomon. The children will use these stories to further discuss the notion of sin, anger, sacrifice, blind faith, freedom, abuse of power, laws, wisdom and leadership.</p>
<b>Year 8</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theology, Philosophy and Religion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Libellum Course Year 2</b></p> <p>To start the Michaelmas Term, the children will study several New Testament Bible Stories and analyse the philosophical and theological elements within them. This will include analysing the following New Testament Bible stories: The Birth of Jesus, the Temptations, Zacchaeus the Tax Collector, Simon the Pharisee, Jesus and the Paralysed Man and the Calming of the Storm. The children will use these stories to further discuss the notion of miracles, temptation, sin, forgiveness and prejudice and discrimination. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, the children will study the life, death and legacy of Martin Luther King, the Salvation Army and will investigate modern day miracles by analysing the healing site Lourdes in France and Sully landing a plane on the River Hudson.</p>