



Ascension and Pentecost –

In what ways do these events and beliefs make Christianity distinctive?

RE
Year 6
Summer Term

Overview

During this unit, pupils will revisit the stories of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost. They will discuss the impact of these events then and now and how these events and beliefs make Christianity distinctive. They will also continue to explore Christian beliefs about the nature and character of the Holy Spirit. They will reflect on people in the past and present who were inspired by God to do His work and speak His word. They will apply their own ideas to the experiences of others and describe what inspires and influences them.



Topic Vocabulary

ascension: *the action of rising to an important position or a higher level; the ascent of Christ into heaven forty days after the Resurrection*

inspiration: *the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative*

Trinity: *the three persons of the Christian Godhead; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

Pentecost: *the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus*

Questions I wonder
about Ascension and
Pentecost:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Investigate** - ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information; know what may constitute evidence for understanding religions.
- **Apply** - make the association between religions and individual community, national and international life; identify key religious values and their interplay with secular ones
- **Interpret** - draw meaning from artefacts, music, works of art, poetry and symbolism; suggest meanings of religious texts
- **Express** - explain concepts and practices; identify and articulate matters of deep conviction and concern; respond to religious issues through a variety of media

Religious vocabulary

believe: *accept that something is true*

disciple: *a follower or pupil of a teacher, leader, or philosopher; a personal follower of Jesus Christ*

Holy Spirit: *the 3rd person of the Trinity, who does the works of God; He was involved in creation, writing the Bible, the conception of Christ and the salvation of believers*