Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	RE	YEAR 6	SPRING TERM 1

Key Knowledge
Christianity – Salvation
Is anything ever eternal?

Eternity – What does it mean?

Dictionary Definition: Infinite or unending time; timelessness

- The Christian understanding of eternity and the Christian belief that God's love for humankind is eternal in that God will never stop loving **humanity**.
- Some Christians refer to this Godly love as **agape** (pronounced a-ga-pay). Agape is universal and **unconditional love**, such as the love for strangers, nature, or God. It does not depend on the familiarity of the people involved. It is also called charity, as in St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13:13 which are often used in weddings;
- *"and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity".*
- Agape can be said to encompass the modern concept of **altruism**, defined as unselfish concern for the welfare of others.

Immortality

- All living things live for a period of time before they die.
- The length of time that a living thing can survive is known as its **lifespan**.
- Stories about immortality have existed for thousands of years in cultures around the world.
- Most of these refer to those born as gods but other stories refer to demi-gods or beings who were born mortal but gained immortality.

Heaven

- Some religions believe in heaven while others do not.
- Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) believe that when a person dies they go to 'heaven'.
- While they share a concept of heaven, there are still many differences in the idea of what heaven is, and what it contains.

Islam 	Jannah is an eternal place for Muslims which is based on the Islamic idea of paradise, but the word Jannah means 'garden' in Arabic. There Muslims will join their loved ones who have passed away already, if they have entered Jannah. Everyone will become the same age and live in the exact same way, not wanting for anything.
Jewish 	Olam-ha-Ba (the afterlife) is often used to mean the same as Gan-Eden (the Garden of Eden), referring to the heavenly realm where souls reside after physical death.
Christian 	The Bible states that Heaven is the dwelling place of God. His throne, the angels and Jesus Christ is there. It is seen as an existence rather than an actual place. Some Christians believe that Heaven is a physical place where they will go, and others believe that it is a state of being in the presence of God. Most Christians believe that the soul lives on after death and heavenly bodies are perfect. Reunited with God and fellow believers they will be without earthly needs.

Key Knowledge
Resurrection and Salvation

Very early on Easter Sunday, after Jesus had been crucified, a group of women went to his tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb's entrance, but they did not find the body of Jesus.

The Christian concept of salvation believes God sent Jesus to humanity to die and to be resurrected to allow man to have a pathway back to God where he can live with God for eternity. Bible references to eternal life, or heaven, can be found in Jesus's teaching. Furthermore, Jesus uses physical references like "*rooms*" and "*house*" to describe where the Father lives. This leads to the Christian belief in Heaven as a real place people can go when they die.

Under the Covenant (God's promise) in the Old Testament, no one went to Heaven when they died. Entering into Heaven required that a human's sins be fully atoned for and that human is made perfect. Christians believe that was the salvation that Jesus created when he died on the cross. Jesus opened the way to Heaven and, when somebody says they are sorry for any wrongdoing, Jesus forgives them. (2 Corinthians 5:20). Christians believe it is Jesus's sacrifice of salvation that makes a forgiven sinner perfect in the eyes of God and then they can enter heaven where they can live eternally being loved by and loving God.

Key Vocabulary

eternal	Lasting or existing forever; without end
mortal	A human being that dies
immortal	A being or god that never dies
lifespan	The length of time for which a person or animal lives or a thing functions
agape	Means unconditional love
humanity	The human race
unconditional love	Love without any limitations, or love without conditions
altruism	Concern for the well-being of others
resurrection	A return to life after death
crucifixion	A method of execution in which a person is tied or nailed to a cross
salvation	The act of being saved from evil or sin
forgiveness	Letting go of feelings of resentment and vengeance
sin	An action that breaks a religious law

Possible experiences

- Mock Christian Wedding
- Bible stories relating to eternity
- Visit from a member of the Christian community to talk about beliefs
- Links with PSHE and Relationships

Learning Outcomes

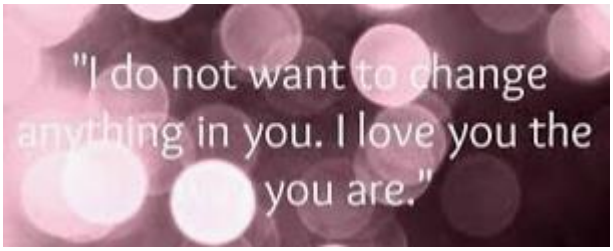
I can express the feelings I have when I think about situations or things I would like to last forever.
I can make links between different Christian beliefs and their views on whether anything is ever eternal.
I can reflect on my own beliefs about whether anything is eternal.

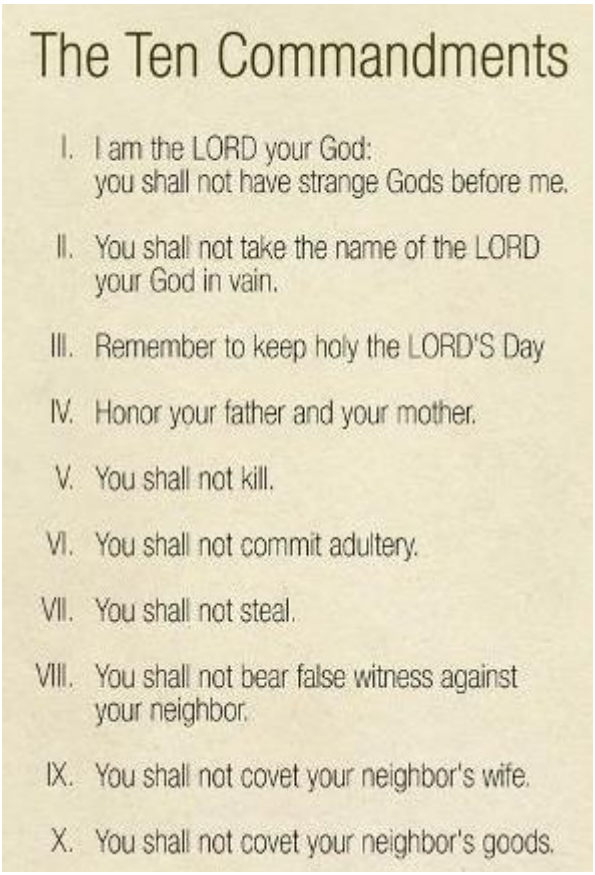


In a Christian wedding rings are exchanged as a symbol of the vows and promises that are made.



The Lost Son **Luke 15: 11-32**







Crucifixion – Jesus forgives the criminals next to Him **Luke 23: 32-43**