

Artefact Collections

Using artefacts in the classroom can help bring religions to life and help pupils understand much more about the different beliefs and practices of believers. There is no substitute for a visit to a place of worship, but showing children the Hindu gods or a real Muslim prayer mat or Qur'an enables them to gain a keener sense of what is special and sacred to different religious people.

Amongst the artefacts are items to demonstrate religious belief and practice, including Buddhist and Hindu worship, Muslim prayer, signs of Sikh identity and Christian and Jewish festivals.

Teachers of RE in Somerset and North Somerset schools can borrow, free of charge, boxes of artefacts from the following SACRE resource centres.

These contain religious artefacts from the six major faiths represented in Britain today, namely, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

Somerset

Brent Knoll Primary School (tel. 01278 760546)
Critchill Special School, Frome (tel. 01373 461837)
Elmwood Special School, Bridgwater (tel. 01278 444087)
Fairmead Special School, Yeovil (tel. 01935 431834)
Kingsmoor Primary School, Bridgwater* (tel. 01278 683371)
Knights Templar Community School (tel. 01984 634385)
Street Learning Support Centre (tel. 01458 443340)
Wincanton Primary School (tel. 01963 32132)

* Hinduism, Islam and Judaism boxes only.

North Somerset

Churchill CofE VC Primary School, Langford (tel. 01934 852 446)
Mary Elton Community Primary School, Clevedon (tel. 01275 876432)
St Georges CofE/Methodist VA Primary School (tel. 01934 426901)

Also available from the RE centres are guides to making the best use of religious artefacts in the classroom. In general, schools are invited to borrow the artefacts boxes for up to six weeks at a time, so are advised to book early to avoid disappointment!

Bath & North East Somerset

A variety of resources for the Bahá'í Faith, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism is held at Saltford Primary School, Claverton Road, Saltford, BS31 3DW. There is no cost for borrowing the boxes, though teachers are asked to make their own arrangements for collection and return.

Other RE resources are available from:

- Diocese of Bath & Wells Centre: a comprehensive collection of material to support RE and Collective Worship for all schools. Resource Boxes linked to AMV units available.
Tel: 01749 685129
Email: resourcecentre@bathwells.anglican.org

Website: www.bathwells.anglican.org for online catalogue and reviews.

- Diocese of Bristol Resource Centre: 1, All Saints Court, Bristol BS1 1JN: thousands of items to support RE and Collective Worship for all schools. Resource Boxes linked to new AMV units.
Tel: 0117 906 0100 Email: resource.centre@bristoldiocese.org
Website: <http://www.bristoldiocesecyp.org/index.php/about-us/resource-centre>
- Somerset Schools Museum Service
Tel: 01823 320200
Email: county-museums@somerset.gov.uk
- Resources4Learning, Parkway, Bridgwater
Tel: 01278 421015

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