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## IMAGINE A MINIATURE EARTH...

Imagine a miniature Earth, about a metre in diameter, floating in the air a little way above the ground in front of you.

**Look closely.**

See the clouds moving softly around the globe.

Note the varied blues of the oceans and how they flow around the patterns of land.

See how some land is green – grasslands, woodlands, forests, jungles.

See how some land is pale and brown – dry, sandy deserts.

Look closely and see some snow-topped mountains and some deep valleys.

If it is dark enough when you look, you might see the Northern Lights flickering at the top of the Earth. And perhaps some lightning flashes where storms are raging.

Look how the top and bottom are cold, but the middle is hot.

Think about all the intricate, complex parts working together.

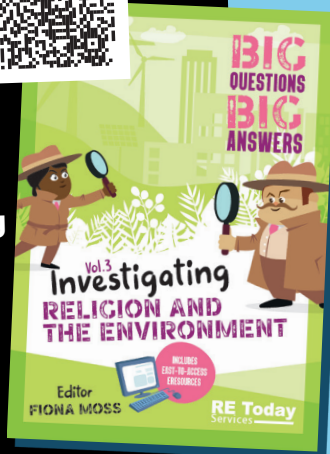
Imagine what it must be like to live in such an amazing place.

Imagine how people who live there must treasure its beauty.

Imagine how people must celebrate living there.

Imagine how they take care to share it together.

Inspired by the poem *If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter* by Joe Miller (Greenwich PR 1975)



JANUARY 21 World Religion Day (All)	FEBRUARY 8 The Prophet's Night Journey (Muslim)	FEBRUARY 13 Shrove Tuesday (Christian)	FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 30 Lent (Christian)	MARCH 11 - APRIL 10 Ramadan (Muslim)
MARCH 24 Palm Sunday (Christian)	MARCH 24-25 Holi (Jain, Hindu & Sikh)	MARCH 31 Easter Sunday (Christian)	<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
APRIL 23-30 Pesach (Jewish)	APRIL 10 Eid-ul-Fitr (Muslim)	APRIL 13 Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh)		

# RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

Data is provided by the Shap Calendar Group (shapcalendar.org.uk)

### QUICK INSIGHT:

## RAMADAN

**11 MARCH - 10 APRIL 2024**

**WHO?** Followers of Islam.

**WHAT?** Ramadan is the ninth month of the 12-month Islamic calendar, a lunar calendar that's based on the phases of the moon. The conclusion of Ramadan is marked with a major celebration known as Eid-ul-Fitr (or Eid al-Fitr), the Feast of Fast-Breaking. It starts the day after Ramadan ends and lasts for three days.

**WHY?** Celebrated as the month during which Muhammad received the initial revelations of what became the Qur'an, the holy book for Muslims, from God.

**HOW?** Ramadan is a holy month of fasting whilst it's light outside. Once the sun sets, families meet for big meals that may include stew, rice, dates, lentils, and more. Ramadan culminates in a three-day celebration (Eid ul-Fitr), where Muslims offer a special morning prayer, then visit family and friends. Charity, called *fitr*, is given to the poor to ensure no one is left out of the celebrations and the joy of success that comes with fasting. Many Muslims will aim to complete a reading of all of the Surahs of the Qur'an during the holy month of Ramadan.

**WHERE?** Ramadan is celebrated in many countries around the world. Each location has its unique way of honouring this yearly Islamic tradition.

### QUICK INSIGHT:

## VAISAKHI/BAISAKHI 13 APRIL 2024

**WHO?** Celebrated by Sikh people.

**WHAT?** It is the Sikh New Year festival, and one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. Vaisakhi is celebrated in much the same way as Gurpurbs. Vaisakhi is a time to remember old stories, share fun times with friends and family and think about the year to come.

**WHY?** In 1699, Sikhs from all over the Punjab gathered to celebrate the local harvest festival of Vaisakhi. The tenth guru, Guru Gobind Singh, came out of a tent carrying a sword. He asked anyone who was prepared to give their life for their religion to step forward.

**HOW?** Celebrated by visiting Gurdwaras, which are especially decorated for the occasion, enjoying parades and special processions through the streets called *nagar kirtans* which involve singing of hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib, which is the Sikh holy book. Having a special meal with family and friends, and some Sikhs choose to be baptised into the Khalsa brotherhood on this day.

**WHERE?** Usually, big celebrations take place in the city of **Anandpur Sahib in Punjab**, where Guru Gobind Singh established the Khalsa.



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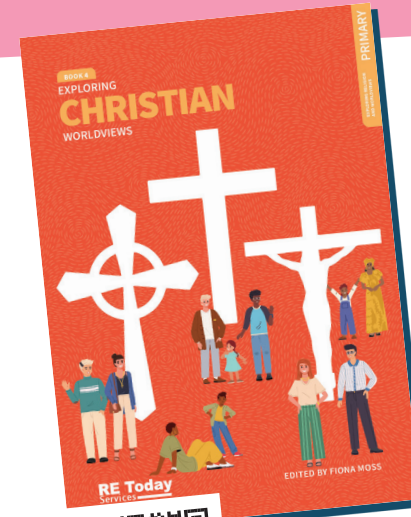
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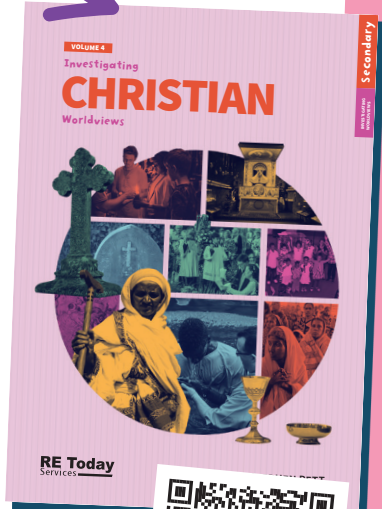
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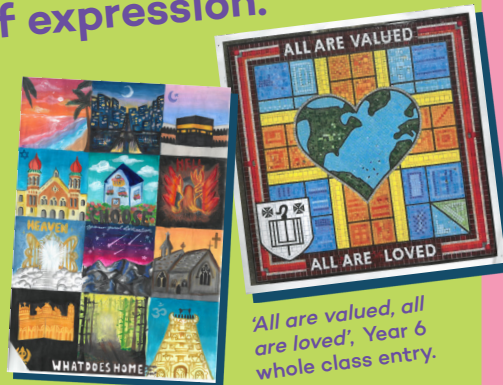


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