

The National Association of Teachers of RE

## **Spirited Arts 2020 Themes**

We would like you to create a piece of work based on one of these themes. You can be creative as possible and you could use any art form you can think of! Will you choose art (drawing, painting, sketching etc.), sculpture, poetry, drama, music, dance, photography or computer aided design?

To go with your piece of work, please write a short commentary to explain what you have done and why. See the next page for some prompts.

### God's good Earth?

- Are we spoiling God's good Earth?
- Should we be thankful for it?
- Can we save it in time from the threats of climate change?

The beauty of the Earth is celebrated in many religions, but the Earth is at risk due to climate change and global warming.

Create a piece of work (art, sculpture, photography, poetry, music, drama, dance etc.) which explores your ideas and beliefs about the natural world and our responsibility to look after the earth. You could also think about praying for 'climate justice' in order to protect the environment.

Great work will show some originality: the Earth in God's hands won't win!

#### **Inspiring!**

What has inspired you? Is it a song? A quote? Another person's life? A place?

Religion also inspires people in how they live. Religious people from the past, religious people from now, hymns/music, religious stories from holy books may have inspired these people.

Create a piece of work (art, sculpture, photography, poetry, music, drama, dance etc.) that shows what has inspired you from any religion of your choice, making sure it is clear what connects your inspiration to spiritual or religious life.

## **Holy Words!**

What words are holy for you?

Choose words from a story you really love about:

- Peace
- Faith
- Unity (togetherness)
- Prayer
- Another religious theme you can think of (you might want to think about our school's Christian Values).

Design a piece of work (art, sculpture, photography, poetry, music, drama, dance etc.) which includes your holy words and shows how important the words you have chosen are.

These words don't have to be from Christianity – you might want to use words from the holy books of other religions, or even wise words which aren't from a religion at all!

#### Where is God?

Is God in your heart, in your prayers, in the Church/Temple or out in the universe? Or is She hiding? Is He not there at all?

Searching for God is important, but how successful are we at finding God? Would you search with Google or a 'God detector'? Is God on Instagram or WhatsApp? Can God be found by prayer or by looking among the world's suffering people?

Design a piece of work (art, sculpture, photography, poetry, music, drama, dance etc.) about where God is **to you**. Could you get ideas from Bible stories (or other Holy books) about where God is?

# **Prompts for your Writing:**

You might want to use a few of these but please don't use all of them!

For younger children, you might want to tell your parent/carer what you want to say and they could write it down for you.

- The title I chose is ... because ...
- The deepest thing about my work is ...
- The religion that inspired my work is ...
- My RE art work ...
- This art work is spiritual because ...
- I think my work connects to religion because ...
- A quote from a holy book that fits with my work is ...
- I've been investigating ...
- This picture is all about ...
- My 'Art is Heaven' work is about ...
- In RE it is good to explore ... so ...
- Doing this work has made me think ...
- I've tried to show my thoughts/ideas/vision/feelings by ...
- I've discovered ...
- In my picture, you can see ...

- What I like best about my work is ...
- I hope people will notice ...
- This work has helped me to realise ...
- If you look carefully at the work, you will see ...
- My vision is ...
- To make the image, what I did was ...
- I like the theme I have been working on because ...
- My main ideas are ...
- My inspiration came from ...
- While I was making this, I thought a lot about ... and I would like to say ...