Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE		
Topic: Unit 4 - Resurrection; Reincarnation; Funeral; Heaven	Year 6	Is the resurrection important to Christians?

Knowledge

Many Christians take the resurrection as historically correct. Some believe it to mean that it was a spiritual resurrection – that is that the influence of Jesus lived on.

The resurrection is the most important part of the story of Jesus as without it, all of Jesus' teaching is called into question as he himself predicted his death and return to life (Matthew 27:63).

The resurrection is proof that Jesus is the son of God, that he has power over death and that there is hope for life after death, forgiveness of sins and the promise of a new heaven and earth.

Death is not the end and many Christian funerals are celebrations in the midst of the sadness that accompanies death.

Activities

- Watch the resurrection of Christ in the Miracle Maker; what does this show about Christian beliefs about death?
- Explore Hindu and Sikh beliefs in reincarnation.
- Research the way different faiths conduct funerals, looking to see whether the funeral reflects the beliefs and in what way.
- Explore Christian/other faith views of "Heaven" especially in Revelation 22.
- Interview a Vicar to see how they understand death and resurrection.
- Design either a memorial, a funeral service, paint a picture of heaven or imagine being reincarnated or resurrected.

Vocabulary

- Corinthians either of two letters written by St. Paul to the Christians of Corinth and included as books in the New Testament
- Funeral a ceremony or service held shortly after a person's death, usually including the person's burial or cremation
- Heaven the location of the throne of God and the angels of God, and the abode of the righteous dead in the afterlife
- Reincarnation the belief that beings return to life as something else, depending on whether they have behaved well or badly
- Resurrection Jesus rising from the dead
- Revelation final book of the New Testament



Skills

- Describe a Christian funeral making links to Christian beliefs about resurrection
- Show understanding of what it means to believe in the resurrection
- Compare and the resurrection of Jesus to the Sikh/Hindu understanding of reincarnation
- Devise questions about why people believe in the resurrection/ heaven/ life after death
- Create a statement of personal belief in response to the question about the resurrection