

RE & PHSE: KS2/3

Teacher Notes



Curriculum Links:

RE: Differences between religions and traditions around life stages

PHSE: Dealing with death and dying – life stages

Previsit Work & Suggested prior knowledge:

RE: Exploring the difference in customs and traditions surrounding birth, marriage and death in key religions. A basic understanding and appreciation of the religions represented in your school and your local area. Visits to other religious sites.

PHSE: Exploring emotions linked to death and dying. Discussing as death being a normal part of life.

Activity Objective:

RE: 1. To understand and appreciate the differences between a Christian funeral and a Muslim funeral. 2. To explore family customs

PHSE: To utilise the **Dying Matters** resources to facilitate discussions around death and dying, what are cemeteries used for prior to visits.

Key Vocabulary: funeral, funerary, Quran, grief, bereavement

Introduction for RE activity: Lye and Wollescote Cemetery contains both Christian and Muslim burials. Use the site as a basis for research into differences in burial traditions in both religions. Use family customs as a starting point for discussions.

Main Task: Read through information about funeral traditions. In small groups identify any key differences/points of interest. Share personal experiences if appropriate with your group. Do all people follow the same customs?

Plenary: What similarities and difference did you find? How will certain burial traditions impact upon land use and space?

Suggested Follow up and Extension Activities: Visit the site to plot burials on a plan. Link with maths, geography and local history to investigate numbers of burials for each religion, ages of people at death, years when certain burials seems more frequent, changes of land use in the area etc. Link to changes in the population of the local area.

Materials required: funerary traditions information sheet and questions

Useful websites:

RE: The Newman Brother at The Coffin Works video as referred to in the introduction to provide an overview of other funeral traditions.

PHSE: Dying Matters – www.dyingmatters.org school lesson plans