

## West Leigh Junior School

Principal: Mr M Aggus



24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, Year 6 will soon begin a thoughtful and reflective topic titled "What Do Religions Say to Us When Life Gets Hard?". This unit explores some of life's profound and challenging questions, such as what happens when we die, how different religions understand suffering and how beliefs influence the way people live their lives.

Throughout the unit, children will engage with the beliefs of Christians, Muslims, Hindus, and Humanists. They will explore ideas about the soul, judgement, reincarnation, karma, and what it means to live a good life. Lessons will include discussions, creative work and poetry to help pupils reflect on these big questions in a sensitive and age-appropriate way.

We are aware that this topic may resonate differently with children depending on their personal experiences. Some of the themes we will explore — such as death, grief, and the afterlife — can be emotive, especially for those who may have experienced loss.

We will approach all content with compassion and care, and children will be encouraged to ask questions and express their views in a safe and respectful environment. However, we also want to support families by giving advance notice and the opportunity to talk with your child about the content at home if you wish.

If your child has experienced bereavement or trauma, or if there are family circumstances you would like to bring to our attention, please let us know in confidence. We can then make adaptations as needed to ensure that every child feels supported and safe during this unit.

Please feel free to get in touch with your child's class teacher directly if you have any questions or concerns, or would like to discuss this further.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W. Dunn Year 6 Leader



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