

What I already know...

In EYFS we learnt that each individual is unique and valuable, and how we can feel special when we are invited to be welcomed into a group.

We started to think about how babies are welcomed into the world in different faith communities.

What I will learn...

People belong to a variety of groups that show what is important to them

Some people belong to different religions, some people do not.

The cross is the symbol for Christianity.

Christians welcome their babies by a special service called a Baptism. The priest welcomes the baby into God's family and thanks God.

Special things about the Baptism: • Special outfit • A font with blessed water • A candle • A special oil • Godparents Jews welcome their babies by a special naming ceremony called a Brit Bat/Brit Ben.

People can belong to each other through promises made in a wedding ceremony, give rings and gifts.

A Christian wedding takes place in a church.

Hymns are sung and prayers are said.

A Jewish wedding takes place under a special canopy called a chupa.

Key Vocabulary

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Belong	To be a part of a group
Faith	Trusting something or somebody
Baptism	Christian naming ceremony
Brit Bat/	Jewish naming ceremony for a baby girl
Brit Ben	Jewish naming ceremony for a baby boy
Wedding	A ceremony and celebration where two people get married.
Church	A Christian place of worship where Christians weddings takes place.
Chupa	A special canopy where a Jewish wed- ding ceremony takes place.

Making a difference at home

There are so many groups that we all belong to where can learn new skills, enjoy ourselves and spend time with others. Look out for new groups in your local area; Rainbows, Cubs as well as new sports such as football, tennis and swimming. These will help you feel more connected to those around you, make new friends and be active all contributing to improving your physical and mental well-being.





Making a difference at The Merton

As children settle into Year 1 they continue to develop their sense of belonging to their school community as well as their new Caterpillar and Butterfly classes. Using this as a starting point, children start to identify that they belong to a range of groups, most important being their family. As children develop their own sense of belonging, children begin to reflect on the religious communities around them and see that people can also belong to a variety of religious faiths. Children will re-enact the special Christian Baptism ceremony, dressing up in smart clothes and using special artefacts to help them to recognise the significance of each one and the ceremony. We will also compare Christian and Jewish wedding ceremonies, using photographs and video clips brought in by the children to bring these to life and share these special occasions.. Year 1 children go onto help our very youngest children to settle into school life, by helping establish the EYFS and Y1 play area, and help develop their sense of belonging too.