



What is Peace?

This term, children will be focusing on what peace means and how it is promoted in different religions.



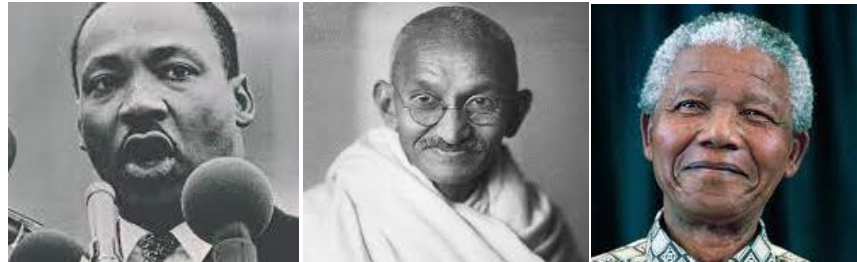
Children will be focusing on:

- What peace means to them as well as other religions.
- The ways in which different religions view and celebrate peace.
- Certain people who have been influential in promoting peace around the world.

This term we will be comparing and focusing on different religions briefly.

These religions include:

- Christianity
- Buddhism
- Islam



Influential people who promoted peace:

1. **Martin Luther King** was born January 15th, 1929, in America. He became a Baptist minister and a civil rights activist. He became a prominent leader in the African American Civil Rights Movement. He believed using violence is wrong. Martin Luther King believed that every man and woman was born free and equal – and he regularly preached from the Bible, explaining that Jesus taught equality. He also led the March, where he delivered his “I Have A Dream” speech. He believed in racial equality – and that the Bible taught racism was wrong.
2. **Gandhi** was born on the 2nd October 1869. He is commonly referred to as Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi was born in India in a Hindu community on the coast. He became famous for fighting for civil rights for Muslims and Hindu Indians in South Africa. He fought against the government using non-violent civil disobedience. This means he refused to act violently but caused problems for communities by being awkward. When Gandhi returned to India in 1915, he began peaceful protests against the British Empire who were treating the people unfairly.
3. **Nelson Mandela** born July 18th, 1918, is a South African politician who served as the President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the first ever person to be elected in a fully representative democratic election in the country (where black and white people could vote). Mandela had previously been involved in a movement, where a group of South Africans fought against segregation and racism. As President, Mandela frequently gave priority to reconciliation (mending relationships between the white and black South Africans) and he introduced policies aimed at combating poverty and inequality in South Africa. Regularly, Mandela has publicly cited the Bible as one of his biggest influences.