



## RESOURCE

Welcome to the first edition of a new REsource for the East Riding!

We sincerely hope that this will be the first of many, designed to keep you up to date with developments in Religious Education at a busy and exciting time.

Within the next year, the East Riding of Yorkshire will have:

- **a newly revised syllabus** to include sample long-term planning formats, together with exemplified schemes of work, assessment objectives and recording sheets
- **INSET** to support its publication - some daytime, some twilight sessions
- **new resources** available for loan from the RE Resource Bases around the LEA
- **advisory support** in the shape of a Curriculum Project Manager to enthuse and encourage teachers in the classroom

• **strengthened links** with faith leaders in our area, to enable teachers to facilitate access to our new curriculum. Nationally, there are signs that Religious Education is held in ever increasing regard by the DfEE and OFSTED. RE has acquired 'core status' in Primary Schools as one of only five remaining subjects. Thus its profile has risen in recent months, and it would seem that this trend is likely to continue with the present curricular review leading up to *Curriculum 2000*. Currently there are draft proposals for 8 assessment levels for RE, designed to raise standards and consistency across the country. This should provide teachers with a clearer idea of progression in order that they can raise expectations and the level of challenge.

Together with other Government initiatives such as the increasing emphasis on family values, behaviour, the teaching of moral values and citizenship, the place of RE in its broadest sense, will no doubt come under discussion at every school. That is not to say that RE will take up a greater proportion of the timetable, but that it may well become more integral to other subject areas, such as art or music, literature or drama, as well as having increased importance as a subject in its own right. The East Riding is one step ahead of all this, and we hope that we can help to pave the way for what is to come, whilst enabling teachers to develop a fresher, more confident approach to the delivery of our new RE syllabus, which promises to be much more user-friendly for the non-specialist.

### RE Resource Centres

There are 8 remaining Resource Centres in the East Riding, from those originally set up by Humberside:

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| • Anlaby, Acre Heads         | -John Bennett *    | -01482 562250 |
| • Beverley Longcroft         | -Gwyneth Southall  | -01482 862171 |
| • Bridlington School         | -Denise Waines     | -01262 672593 |
| • Drifffield School          | -Linda Holmes      | -01377 253631 |
| • Thorngumbald Infant School | -Annice Stubbs     | -01482 896800 |
| • Vermuyden School           | -Debbie Newton     | -01405 768621 |
| • Woldgate School            | -Rosemary Harrison | -01759 302395 |
| • Wolfreton School           | -Kay Greenhalgh    | -01482 659356 |

At each of the Centres there is a designated member of staff who is 'caretaking' the resources and liaising with borrowers to arrange the loan of items. This co-ordinator, in discussion with the enquiring teacher, can often usefully recommend which artefacts are the most appropriate for a particular topic. Catalogues of items for loan are, or will be, available at each Centre, and most hold a range of resources for each of the six major world faiths, including books, artefacts, some videos & posters. It is hoped that these resources will be 'topped up' with the publication of the new syllabus and that twilight sessions will be held in the summer for teachers to view what is available. In the meantime, teachers are welcome to contact any of the Centres and make arrangements to borrow items as usual. The LEA has recently acquired copies of books published

by Stanley Thornes, Heinemann and Instant Lessons which are also available for loan from the CPM.

♦ **Excellent resources are offered by the York RE Centre, with free membership**

-everything you could wish to borrow for RE, together with advice and support.

Contact Carrie Mercier on 01904 616858.

RE INSET - Spring Term 1999





\* Whole day courses: (further details given on course notices sent into school last term)

*Using Religious Artefacts in the Primary Classroom* -

Tues. February 23 (Brantingham) & Weds March 17 (Driffield)

*Effective Teaching & Learning Strategies in RE (KS3)* -

Weds Feb. 24 (Brantingham)

\* Professional Council for RE - Conference:

*Making Progress in RE - Raising Curriculum & Professional Standards* -

Weds-Fri. 7-9 April (Sheffield University)

### **RE from the BBC - Spring Term 1999**

There are 3 important new units of TV programmes to be transmitted this term.

These could be recorded as long-life resources:

- \* *Pathways of Belief* (KS2) - Islam, Hinduism & Sikhism - from February 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* *Belief File* (KS3) - Hinduism & Judaism - from January 14<sup>th</sup>
- \* *GCSE Bitesize* - Spring Term 1999 - for students to revise full or short RS courses in bitesize chunks, also enabling them to exchange views with other students on the internet. A *GCSE Bitesize* leaflet has been sent into all secondary schools.
- \* Additionally, the nights of **23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March** are **RE nights** on BBC2, when you can block-record some of the most popular programmes for KS4+ & for teachers. Further details from BBC Educational Information on 0181 746 1111.

### **New DfEE/QCA Publications**

- \* *RE & the use of language* (QCA/98/083) - Shows how pupils' understanding of religion can be enhanced by developing skills in speaking/listening/writing/reading

(A COPY OF THE LEAFLET WILL BE SENT TO EACH SCHOOL WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.)

- \* *Exemplification of standards in RE at KS 1-4* (QCA/98/235 @ £3) - Examples of children's work that represent end-of-KS achievement in a model RE syllabus

(HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WHEN ASSESSING WORK OR COMPILING RE PORTFOLIOS - THE LEA & THE RE CENTRES HAVE COPIES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN.)

**Further information or support with any aspect of RE may be requested by contacting Sue Holmes (CPM for RE) on 01482 885395 or Noel Jones (General Adviser) on 01482 885372. Sue also acts as Diocesan Adviser to Church of England schools in the Archdeaconry of the East Riding. She can additionally assist these schools with issues concerning Collective Worship**

