



London Diocesan Board for Schools

Books & Resources

May 2007 – Book Reviews – New Publications

KS1

‘Child’s eye view of Festivals: Festivals 2’

Published by Child’s Eye Media Ltd

Telephone: 0161 374 5509

- Available on DVD or Video.
- The DVD’s won the 2007 Shap Award for Excellence.
- ‘Festivals’ features Chinese New year, Eid-ul-Fitr, Divali and Hanukkah.
- ‘Festivals 2’ features Vaisakhi, Wesak and Easter.
- You can get a sample from the company or view a clip on-line at www.childseyemedia.com

‘Is it Because?’ by Tony Ross

Price: £4.99

Published by Andersen Press

ISBN 1 8427 0581 0

- A picture book that tackles bullying.
- Turns the question round and looks at who is doing it and why.
- Guaranteed to be the basis for a lot of discussion – Good starter for circle time.

KS1 & KS2

‘Experience Easter with Children’

Price: £13.00

‘Christian Symbols’

Price: £15.00

Published by Gloucester REsource Centre

Address: 9 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX

Telephone: 01452 385217

Fax: 01452 421474

Email: ResourceCentre@glosdioc.org.uk

- Two sets of very useful pictures.
- The Easter set shows how to set up a simple but very effective display on the different parts of the Holy Week Story.
- The packs would support collective worship and be very useful in RE.
- See Flyer attached

‘Tusk Tusk’ by David McKee

Price: £4.99

Published by Andersen Press

ISBN 1 8427 0579 7

- I first used this book in my classroom in 1978 and was pleased to see it has been republished.
- It is one of the best books I have known for dealing with difference and with issues that trigger wars.
- Straightforwardly challenges intolerance and aggression and promotes peace.
- Highly recommended – you will use it again and again.

'The Conquerors' by David McKee

Published by Andersen Press

Price: £5.99

ISBN 1 8427 0468 0

- Another exciting book to challenge perceptions about war.
- The story of an invading army, in picture book form.
- It presses home the point that peace and love can surmount aggression.
- A great starter for discussions about wars and invasion.

KS2

Rites of Passage Series

Published by Heinemann

'Weddings' by Paul Mason

ISBN 0 4311 7721 X

'Funerals' by Mandy Ross

ISBN 0 4311 7719 8

'Naming Ceremonies' by Mandy Ross

ISBN 0 4311 7717 1

'Birthdays' by Paul Mason

ISBN 0 4311 7722 8

'Coming of Age' by Mandy Ross

ISBN 0 4311 7718 X

'Journeys' by Paul Mason

ISBN 0 4311 7720 1

- A fascinating series, strong images, good photographs.
- A digestible way of gathering information with each double spread showing a new aspect of the topic.
- Covers the six major world faiths as well as other less familiar faiths and cultures.
- Lots of things to discover and intriguing insights into the faith and belief of others.
- Short but memorable quotes from adherents throughout each book.

KS3, KS4 & Teachers

'Visions and Voyages' by Fay Sampson

Price: £8.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 0 7459 5235 2

- Subtitled – The Story of Celtic Spirituality.
- A whistle stop tour through the growth of Christianity in Britain.
- A fascinating mixture of characters that shaped faith and practice of Great Britain.
- Some aspects are touched on so lightly that further reading or enquiry is necessary in order to make sense of the tensions and difficulties.
- Extremely readable and never boring.