

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RATIONALE

OVERVIEW

In our school we will help all children to develop an understanding of the place that our Catholic faith plays in our lives, and how it influences us, as a community, each day. We will use 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' as our scheme of work and will make meaningful links with the Catholic life of our school, and Catholic Social Teaching. Our aim is to ignite a curiosity to learn about our faith and from our faith.

INTENT

1. To help all children develop an understanding of our Catholic faith.
2. To enable children to learn about and get to know Jesus.
3. To develop children's appreciation and wonder at the impact of our faith on our lives.
4. To make links with other subjects of the curriculum where appropriate and relevant.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. We will begin the teaching of religious education in the EYFS. From their earliest years, children will be encouraged and facilitated to plan and join in with prayer and liturgy.
2. As they move into Key Stage 1 children will build on their earlier work using 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' as the guidelines for teaching and learning.
3. Strong links will be made with the teaching of English. Stories, plays and poems from the Bible and other religious and moral sources will be shared with the children. Children's work will be marked with the same rigour and thoroughness as their work in English and the core subjects.
4. The development of oracy, writing, thinking and reasoning skills will be fostered as part of our teaching in RE.
5. The children will learn about the Catholic faith and will experience teaching about other faiths during their time at St. Peter's.
6. Art, design technology, dance and drama will feature in teachers' planning as part of Creative RE.
7. On every appropriate occasion teachers will use first-hand experience, visits, visitors, artefacts and the local and wider environment to engage children's interest and imagination, and to foster their spirituality.
8. Through our Catholic ethos, children will be encouraged to develop their feelings, empathy and understanding for others.
9. Learners will be helped to develop an understanding of the British society in which they live.
10. Children will learn about rights and responsibilities, moral, spiritual, social and environmental issues.
11. We will use financial resources to build up an extensive collection of resources, artefacts and books to support the teaching of RE.

IMPACT

Religious Education will motivate learners to 'be the best we can be,' as stated in our school mission statement. It will have a strong presence in the ethos of our school through displays, performances, music, drama and assemblies. Parents, families and members of the church and parish will be encouraged to support the teaching and learning of Religious Education. Pupils will develop an understanding and respect for different faiths and the religious diversity of our wider community. They will begin to appreciate how our Catholic faith has shaped our school and society.