



Seek, Believe & Achieve in Religious Education

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

Ephesians 3:17

New Living Translation (NLT)

Our Intent

As a Church of England School, our vision and values are at the heart of everything we do.

Our vision of '**Seek, Believe and Achieve**' is based on Ephesians 3:17 which underpins all we do in school including our RE curriculum.

Our intent is to provide our pupils with opportunities to explore challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, beliefs about God and understanding of themselves, others and the world.

We encourage pupils to **seek knowledge about the amazing world around us** and to understand God's teaching, through the knowledge of Jesus, for our lives.

Through developing pupil's understanding of Christianity and other religions, particularly those reflected in our school community, we grow as a **family** together in our school values of **care, courage, respect, honesty, and responsibility**.

With this sense of identity and belonging we aim to **achieve our full potential** and **to be the best we can be** within our school community and as citizens of a diverse world.

Our intent is to enable children to learn about and learn from different religions by:

- Developing children's knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith through a study of: Creation, Prayer and Worship, the Life and Teaching of Jesus, Living out the Faith and Christian Festivals;
- Beginning to explore and understand other faiths and perspectives;
- Developing children's ability to:
 - Express curiosity about the fundamental questions of life;
 - Reflect on belief, practice, values and traditions in order to understand their influence on the individual, the community and the spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects of life;
 - Make informed responses to religious and moral issues;
 - Identify the relationship between religious beliefs, human responsibility, global issues and the natural world.

We aim to help children develop:

- Their own beliefs, values and sense of self-worth;
- An understanding of the way people live out their faith and to explore their own spirituality
- Positive attitudes of respect towards people whose views and beliefs are different from their own, and towards living in a society of diverse religions and beliefs;
- An understanding of the influence of beliefs, values and traditions on individuals, communities, societies and cultures (from local to global);
- The ability to make reasoned and informed judgements about religious and moral issues;
- An appreciation of their own and others' contributions to society and the world;
- A sense of responsibility for themselves and others.

Implementation

The school uses the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education Scheme of Work alongside the Buckinghamshire Agreed Syllabus 2022.

Within the evolving plans for each unit there are clear assessment statements which reflect how progression is promoted and structured through the years to ensure progression.

The children learn about religion and from religion.

Each unit is question based and includes a variety of teaching approaches giving children first-hand experiences, opportunities to learn from special visitors of different faiths (Islam and Jewish) and creative and imaginative learning such as role play, drama, poetry, art and music. Children also have the opportunity to visit special places (different churches as well as a synagogue / mosque).

Their learning is interactive and investigates beliefs, teachings, practices and ways of life. They learn new vocabulary to identify and investigate religious ideas and concepts. These include identity, belonging, meaning, purpose, truth, values and commitment.

Each half-term we celebrate one of our school values which underpin our teaching and learning in collective worship and foster living these values out in our lives and in the wider community.

We are linked to St. Johns The Evangelist Church at Lacey Green and participate in special church services led by our pupils at church. We also foster relationships with the local Baptist Church.

Impact

The impact of our RE curriculum will be that our pupils will:

- be confident to speak about how they see their own beliefs, ideas, values and experiences while respecting others have a right to have a different way of living, thinking and living.
- be reflective learners with a clear understanding and knowledge of Christianity, conversant with its values, beliefs and Bible stories.
- develop their own personal sense of understanding. belonging and beliefs
- demonstrate a respect and understanding of people of other faiths and appreciate the diversity of the wider world.
- mature spiritually, academically, emotionally and morally to enable them to become well-rounded successful citizens in future life and have a positive impact on their friends, family, local and wider community.

As a tree makes fruit, a good person gives life to others. The wise person shows others how to be wise.

Proverbs 11:30

International Children's Bible (ICB)