

R.E. Introduction



Nurturing ambition through a living faith in R.E. at Darwen St James' is –

Nurture –

At Darwen St. James' we believe that through a consistently nurturing environment, every child can achieve great things. At the core of this nurturing environment is the space for the children to develop individual

spirituality and personal faith. Throughout school, weekly R.E lessons provide the children with facts and traditions about Christianity and other world religions. However, a larger part of the R.E curriculum focuses on opportunities to think about the impact of events when they happened, how this connects to pupils' lives now and how this learning may impact on them in the future. We believe that this knowledge, along with the ability to reflect provides our children with the opportunity to become well rounded citizens, able to communicate with their local community and beyond.

Ambition –

As a school we aim to promote ambition in our children, supporting them to move forward in their lives. Throughout school, R.E lessons provide the children with examples of many people in the Bible who were ambitious to fulfil God's will and through perseverance and hope they achieved their goals. Teachers also make links within the wider curriculum with other people of faith who are ambitious and achieve their goals. The individual impact part of the lessons provides the children to reflect on their own ambitions and goals, and gives space and time for them to reflect on the small steps they will take to succeed.

As we live in a world community of people of different faiths and no faith, at Darwen St. James' we believe children can move forward in their lives when they are able to talk to all sectors of society. The religious knowledge that is embedded within our children enables them to flourish with confidence in many different and challenging situations. Ambition to be the best they can be is embedded at Darwen St. James' from the very beginning of their education. Our values of Perseverance and Hope

Faith-

We have chosen 5 whole school values to live out through our actions and deeds. These values are Perseverance, Courage, Hope, Love and Friendship. These values are at the core of our teaching and learning in all subjects at Darwen St. James'.

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Each unit of the R.E. curriculum is linked closely with these values and the teaching in each year group reflects these links. Children are encouraged to explore the meaning of these values to the people studied and reflect on their own possession and demonstration of these values in their daily lives.

Citizens:

Children are prepared through R.E to become future citizens of the world. Our staff recognise the barriers that children face in becoming valuable citizens of society and we strive to break down those barriers through the R.E. curriculum. The curriculum provides them with the opportunity to learn about God's Big Story and then compare and contrast this to other faith's beliefs.