



Religious Education within Shelley First School

Curriculum Intent:

At Shelley First School it is our intent for the Religious Education element of our school curriculum to engage, inspire, challenge and encourage pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to answer challenging questions, explore different religious beliefs, values and traditions and develop a more rigorous understanding of the numerous religious traditions, beliefs and practices that are followed in our multi-cultural society. We want children to know how religious education promotes discernment and enables pupils to combat prejudice, preparing them for adult life, employment and life-long learning.

The intent of our RE curriculum is to deliver a curriculum which is accessible to all and that will maximise the outcomes for every child so that they know more, remember more and understand more. As a result of this, they will become independent and responsible members of a society who understand and explore big questions about life, to find out what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live, so that they can make sense of religion, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living. We provide our children with opportunities for them to learn about and from religions and worldviews in local, national and global contexts, to discover, explore and consider different answers to these questions. They will be equipped with systematic knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews, enabling them to develop their ideas, values and identities. Our children are encouraged to develop an aptitude for dialogue so that they can participate positively in our society, with its diverse religions and worldviews. Shelley First School has chosen to adopt the Kirklees Agreed RE Syllabus "Believing and belonging" 2019-2024.

We always try to make the children's learning experiences enjoyable and engaging. With this in mind, we often invite visitors from other Faiths into school to talk to and work with the children. Class outings are arranged to local churches and other places of worship. We encourage the children to think about and share their own experiences. We share stories from various religions, encouraging the children to question and discuss what they are hearing and how it makes them feel. The children use their imagination and curiosity to develop an appreciation and sense of wonder about the natural world, while learning to value all human beings and recognising diversity.

At Shelley First School there is collective act of worship every day, whether as a whole school or as an individual class. During assembly a range of topics are discussed and explored and this is closely linked to personal development and citizenship. A thinking time candle is lit and there is time for reflection.

Every year we have a creative week at Shelley First School and links to RE are always made. Each year our creative week includes religions within our community as well as in the different countries we study. We have many exciting opportunities in store for the children in order to bring these religions to life including dance groups and music groups.

