



Religious Education



Curriculum Intent

'The primary purpose of Catholic Religious Education is to come to know and understand God's revelation which is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ.'

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At St Joseph's, Religious Education is central to the life of our school, and we are guided by our Mission Statement, 'Walk in the light of the Christ', as well as the Gospel Values.

Our intent, when teaching Religious Education, is to develop pupil's knowledge, skills and understanding of God's love, they learn about their Christian responsibilities, children are provided with experiences of church, Catholic and Christian traditions, as well as being taught to be respectful and understanding of people and traditions from other faith backgrounds. We aim to offer a high-quality Religious Education that will guide them in becoming religiously literate young people who understand about their unique place within the home, school, and parish community.

Implementation

As a school within Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, we follow the 'Come and See' RE Programme, in line with guidance from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This programme is followed throughout school from Nursery through to Year 6.

This programme provides:

- opportunities for celebration, prayer, and reflection in a variety of ways
- children with the language of religious
- a 'systematic presentation of Christian event, message and way of life' in ways appropriate to the age and stage of development of the child
- that for its implementation and production it requires the adults involved to understand the underlying theological as well as educational principles
- appropriate materials about other faiths

The programme explores the religious dimensions of questions about life, dignity, and purpose within the Catholic tradition. Links are made with the children's own experience and with universal experience. It raises questions and provides material for reflection by the children on their own experiences. It enables them to explore the beliefs, values, and way of life of the Catholic tradition and where appropriate other faith traditions.

Alongside following the 'Come and See' Programme, children will also study the lives of the Saints through our Class Saints. Pupils have the opportunity to make links between Jesus' life and teaching, and their own lives, through participating in the wider community and Parish and local charitable events, as well as globally through charities such as CAFOD and Mission together. Throughout the year Pupils will participate in Mass, Feast days, Holy days and Liturgies which will involve religious actions and worship including the celebration of the sacraments.

Overview of Content

'Come and See' is taught through 3 themes

- Community of faith - Church
- Celebration in ritual - Sacraments
- Way of life - Christian Living
- Other faith traditions are also explored through discreet topics

The process for delivering the topics in 'Come and See' has three stages - Explore, Reveal and Respond which enable the pupils with the development of knowledge, understanding, skills and the fostering of attitudes.

This means our curriculum has been designed to ensure clear progression, in the acquisition of knowledge and for key skills, building on pupil's prior learning. We teach 3 topics each year, plus 2 Other Faith weeks, for all pupils from Early Years to Year 6.

10% of all teaching time is dedicated to the teaching of RE

Autumn	<p>Domestic Church</p> <p>Early Years - MYSELF - God knows and loves each one</p> <p>Year 1 - FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family</p> <p>Year 2 - BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning</p> <p>Year 3 - HOMES - God's vision for every family</p> <p>Year 4 - PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture</p> <p>Year 5 - OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God</p> <p>Year 6 - LOVING - God who never stops loving</p>	<p>Judaism</p> <p>Early Years - Hannukkah</p> <p>Year 1 - Abraham and Moses</p> <p>Year 2 - Shabbat</p> <p>Year 3 - Synagogue</p> <p>Year 4 - Torah</p> <p>Year 5 - Passover</p> <p>Year 6 - Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur</p>	<p>Baptism/Confirmation</p> <p>Early Years - WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family</p> <p>Year 1 - BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family</p> <p>Year 2 - SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism</p> <p>Year 3 - PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism</p> <p>Sacramental Preparation Class Celebrating Reconciliation - What do Catholics Believe and Do?</p> <p>Year 5 - LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service</p> <p>Year 6 - VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life</p>	<p>Advent/Christmas</p> <p>Early Years - BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday</p> <p>Year 1 - WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas</p> <p>Year 2 - PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas</p> <p>Year 3 - VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus</p> <p>Year 4 - GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus</p> <p>Year 5 - HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one</p> <p>Year 6 - EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world</p>
Spring	<p>Local Church</p> <p>Early Years - CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church</p> <p>Year 1 - SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family</p> <p>Year 2 - BOOKS - The books used in Church</p> <p>Year 3 - JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey</p>	<p>Islam</p> <p>Early Years - Prayer mats</p> <p>Year 1 - Muhammad</p> <p>Year 2 - Prayer at home</p> <p>Year 3 - The Mosque</p> <p>Year 4 - Qur'an</p>	<p>Eucharist</p> <p>Early Years - GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist</p> <p>Year 1 - MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal</p> <p>Year 2 - THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God</p>	<p>Lent/Easter</p> <p>Early Year - GROWING - Looking forward to Easter</p> <p>Year 1 - CHANGE - Lent: a time for change</p> <p>Year 2 - OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew</p> <p>Year 3 - GIVING ALL</p>

	<p>with Christ</p> <p>Year 4 - COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish</p> <p>Year 5 - MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)</p> <p>Year 6 - SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church</p>	<p>Year 5 - Ramadan and Pilgrimage</p> <p>Year 6 - Guidance for Muslims</p>	<p>Year 3 - LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us</p> <p>Year 4 - GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion</p> <p>Sacramental Preparation Class Celebrating The Mass - What do Catholics Believe and Do?</p> <p>Year 5 - MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice</p> <p>Year 6 - UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion</p>	<p>- Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving</p> <p>Year 4 - SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life</p> <p>Year 5 - SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus</p> <p>Year 6 - DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection</p>
Summer	<p>Pentecost</p> <p>Early Years - GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus</p> <p>Year 1 - HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Year 2 - SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News</p> <p>Year 3 - ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Year 4 - NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message</p> <p>Year 5 - TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power</p> <p>Year 6 - WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses</p>	<p>Reconciliation/Anointing of the sick</p> <p>Early Years - FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Year 1 - BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well</p> <p>Year 2 - RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family</p> <p>Year 3 - CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience</p> <p>Year 4 Sacramental Preparation Class (instead of Reconciliation topic) - CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness</p> <p>Year 5 - FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible</p> <p>Year 6 - HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick</p>		<p>Universal Church</p> <p>Early Years - OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world</p> <p>Year 1 - NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world</p> <p>Year 2 - TREASURES - God's treasure; the world</p> <p>Year 3 - SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community</p> <p>Year 4 - GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like</p> <p>Year 5 - STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation</p> <p>Year 6 - COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family</p>

Age related standards are used across the school to assess progress and are moderated internally and within the Diocese.

Impact

When pupils leave our school, pupils will know more, remember more, and understand more about Religious Education. They will be able to define, describe and discuss areas of RE. They will confidently use skills such as retelling, describing, comparing, giving reasons, explaining the meaning of biblical stories, and considering the impact of beliefs.

The outcomes in Religious Education books will evidence a broad and balanced curriculum and demonstrate the pupil's acquisition of key knowledge and understanding. The majority of pupils will achieve age related expectations in Religious Education and clear progress will be evident in their work.

Children are well prepared for the next stage of their education as confident and enthusiastic learners who are witness to Christ in their words and actions.

Outcome of Religious Education

The outcome of Religious Education is religiously literate and engaged young people who have the knowledge, understanding and skills- appropriate to their age and capacity - to reflect spirituality and think ethically and theologically, and who are aware of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life.

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