



# RE Overview

## Why?

At St Peter's Church of England Primary School, through the Religious Education curriculum, we aim to:

- Enable pupils to know about and understand Christianity as a living faith that influences the lives of people worldwide and as the religion that has most shaped British culture and heritage.
- Enable pupils to know and understand about other major world religions and world views, their impact on society, culture and the wider world, enabling pupils to express ideas and insights.
- Contribute to the development of pupils' own spiritual/philosophical convictions, exploring and enriching their own beliefs and values.

## How?

Through delivery of the Blackburn Diocese Questful RE curriculum as well as our commitment to continually strive for and demonstrate our Christian vision and values, we encourage all pupils to explore their faith, ask questions and develop their spirituality. As in all other areas of the curriculum, a variety of teaching and learning strategies will be used. We hope that all of these will provide good, imaginative lessons with an interesting and challenging variety of tasks. RE has strong links with many other areas of the curriculum, activities including:

- Drama and role play – speaking and listening
- Collaborative and independent work
- Discussion and presentation
- Visits
- Use of artefacts/images
- ICT resources
- Visitors and outside speakers
- Creative activities – interpreting religious artwork
- Art and Design activities
- Use of music and instruments from different religions, composing own hymns
- Reading/Writing
- Use of Key Questions
- Exploration of self-awareness, inner feelings and emotions, and personal relationships and promote respect for the beliefs and values of others
- P.E. and learning religious dances

## What?

Religious Education at St. Peter's will help pupils to reflect theologically and explore the ultimate questions and challenges of life in today's society. They will be able to reflect critically on the truth claims of Christian belief and see how the truth of Christianity is relevant today. Pupils will understand the challenge faced by Christians in today's pluralist and post-modern society and develop the skills to handle the Bible text. Pupils will recognise that faith is based on commitment to a particular way of understanding God and the world and begin to develop their own commitments, beliefs and values. They will develop a sense of themselves as significant, unique and precious,



experiencing the breadth and variety of the Christian community. Pupils will engage in thoughtful dialogue with other faiths and traditions and become active citizens, serving their neighbour and finding a reason for hope in a troubled world. They will understand how religious faith can sustain believers in difficult circumstances and in the face of opposition.