

RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS – INTENT



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

Our school values: Respect • Kindness • Challenge • Forgiveness • Perseverance

Religion and Worldviews education at St Michael's School reflects our whole school values of **respect**, kindness, perseverance, forgiveness and challenge. The curriculum enables children to study a range of religious and worldviews and reflect on their own opinions. We provide opportunities for children to **understand** how our school values are rooted in the Christian faith, and also to recognise how these values are widely held across many key world religions and worldviews. R&W at St Michael's School develops children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development so that they are **respectful** and **understanding** of others. The teaching of R&W allows children to express their own enquiring, informed and reflective views about beliefs and prepares them for future life. Along with other subjects, R&W helps to develop children's confidence to speak and be able to clearly articulate their ideas and arguments. The curriculum is enriched by visits to places of worship and engagement with members of different faith communities or groups with non-religious worldviews such as Humanism.

3 big ideas for Religion and Worldviews

- **Respect** – I value other peoples' views and beliefs and know that they may be different from my own.
- **Diversity** – I understand that people have different ways of doing things and this can also come from their cultural and religious identity.
- **Understanding** – I understand why some peoples' beliefs and values might cause them to act in a certain way.

RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS – IMPLEMENTATION



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

Our school values: Respect • Kindness • Challenge • Forgiveness • Perseverance

When teaching RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS at St Michael's CE School we give children opportunities to develop their knowledge of the main world religions and non-religious groups, in order to be able to understand the views and beliefs of others. We pose challenging questions and encourage children to form their own responses, and justify these using the knowledge they have. We support children to develop confidence to ask big questions of their own and discuss these in a way which shows respect for others. We offer a structured and safe place for discussion, dialogue and debate.

Children are given opportunities to learn about key concepts of deity, worship, belonging and identity and values which they explore through the mainly through Christianity, Islam and Hindu Dharma alongside elements of other religions and worldviews. They are encouraged to draw on this knowledge to compare and contrast different belief systems.