

St. Anne's & St. Joseph's RC Primary R.E. Policy



Our Vision

Our curriculum is designed to have faith and love at its heart, with children developing a sense of belonging to both our Parish and local community as they journey through school.

It is designed to value each child, allowing them to develop their God given gifts. Our curriculum will encourage the highest aspirations for all members of our school family, helping pupils become independent learners who have the resilience to persevere, confidence to rise to all challenges and have empathy for all around them.

Introduction to R.E

At St. Anne's and St. Joseph's, Religious Education is at the heart of developing the whole child. We aim to enable each child to understand and experience, according to their age and ability, the feelings of joy, delight, wonder and mystery in God's love and forgiveness. We want to develop the children's ability to respond to religious ideas about the person, message and deeds of Jesus.

INTENT

Religious Education is an implicit part of the school's experience and is concerned with promoting the message of the Gospel that Jesus teaches. The beliefs and values communicated through R.E. should inspire and unify every aspect of school life. This is what identifies our distinctive Catholic nature and how all areas of the curriculum encompass it.

Religious Education is taught as a separate subject and will provide a comprehensive and systematic study of Christianity, World Religions and People of other Faiths. It accounts for 10% of curriculum time.

IMPLEMENTATION

Planning

Teaching staff follow *Come and See* as a basis for their religious teaching backed up by their personal experiences and any other material that the teacher feels is relevant.

Teaching & Learning

R.E. aims to inspire the whole child through a balanced curriculum that sees God as the centre of the learning process. We aim for the children to foster and deepen their faith and support them to nourish their faith. We encourage them to show respect for people of other faith and promote a community where Roman Catholic values are active, communicated and practised. Learning is varied but can consist of written work as well as using our creative talents.

SEN Children

Planning takes account of children's needs regardless of their ability. They are all encouraged to take an active involvement in the Religious and Spiritual life of the school. For further information please see the separate SEN policy.

Gifted & Talented Children

Planning takes account of children's needs and teachers use their professional judgement, knowledge and experience to help the children achieve their full potential. Children will be given work that inspires and challenges.

Resources

Each class has access to centrally held resources that are kept in the Den. All classes have their own Bibles that are age appropriate. Educational visits and visitors are used when appropriate to support the learning in class.

Health & Safety

For any off site visits, a risk assessment will be carried out beforehand by the teacher in charge of the trip. For further information about health and safety please refer to the main health and safety policy.

IMPACT

Assessment

Assessment is recognised as an ongoing process and is achieved in many ways. The progress of individual children is tracked by the class teacher and reported to the subject leader at the end of each unit. Progress will be reported to parents by informal discussion on Parents' evenings and on the annual written report to parents.

Monitoring

Over the course of the year, the R.E. subject leader monitors the teaching and learning of R.E through learning walks, book scrutinises, observing lessons, pupil interviews, moderation of books within school and locally with other Catholic schools. Evidence gathered will then inform the action plan and support the subject leader in moving the subject forward.

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Annex A

Themes and Topics	EYF5	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Domestic church family	Myself God knows and loves each one	Families God's love and care for every family	Beginnings God at every beginning	Homes God's dream for every family	Homes God's dream for every family	Loving God who never stops loving	Loving God who never stops loving
Baptism/confirmation belonging	Welcome Baptism; a welcome to God's family	Belonging Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family	Signs & symbols Signs & symbols in Baptism	Promises Promises made at Baptism	Promises Promises made at Baptism	Vocation & commitment The vocation of priesthood and religious life	Vocation & commitment The vocation of priesthood and religious life
Other Faiths	Islam	Islam	Judaism	Hinduism	Hinduism	Buddhism	Buddhism
Advent/Christmas loving	Birthday Looking forward to Jesus' birthday	Waiting Advent a time to look forward to Christmas	Preparations Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas	Visitors Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus	Visitors Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus	Expectations Jesus born to show God to the world	Expectations Jesus born to show God to the world
Local Church Community	Celebrating People celebrating church	Special People People in the Parish Family	Books The books used in church	Journeys Christian family's journey with Jesus	Journeys Christian family's journey with Jesus	Sources The Bible, special book for church	Sources The Bible, special book for church
Eucharist relating	Gathering The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist	Meals Mass; Jesus' special meal	Thanksgiving Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus	Listening & sharing Jesus gives himself to us in a special way	Listening & sharing Jesus gives himself to us in a special way	Unity Eucharist enables people to live in communion.	Unity Eucharist enables people to live in communion.
Lent/Easter giving	Growing Looking forward to Easter	Change Lent a time for change	Opportunities Lent: an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life	Giving all Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving	Giving all Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving	Death & new life Celebrating Jesus' death & resurrection	Death & new life Celebrating Jesus' death & resurrection
Pentecost serving	Good News Passing on the Good news of Jesus	Holidays & holydays Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit	Spread the word Pentecost a time to spread the Good News	Energy Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Energy Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Witnesses The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses	Witnesses The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses
Reconciliation Inter-relating	Friends Friends of Jesus	Being sorry God helps us to choose well Sacrament of Reconciliation	Rules Reasons for rules in the Christian family Sacrament of Reconciliation	Choices The importance of examination of conscience Sacrament of Reconciliation	Choices The importance of examination of conscience Sacrament of Reconciliation	Healing Sacrament of the Sick	Healing Sacrament of the Sick
Universal Church world	Our world God's wonderful world	Neighbours Neighbours share God's world	Treasures God's treasure; the world	Special places Holy places for Jesus & the Christian	Special places Holy places for Jesus & the Christian	Common good Work of the worldwide Christian family	Common good Work of the worldwide Christian family