



Subject Vision Statement

Religious Education

Why is Religious Education Important?

At St Bede's, we believe that children should be given the opportunities to develop themselves to the fullest. To achieve this, they need a curriculum based on the Gospel values. Religious Education is at the very core of our curriculum and an integral part of both the ethos of the school and the inspirational aims for each and every child.

Religious Education enables our children to identify and build the relationship between faith and life. Our children will be able to show respect and compassion; to consider their responsibilities to themselves and others; to explore how they can contribute to their communities and wider society.

What does Religious Education look like in our school?

Religious Education enables our children to gain a deepening understanding of the Catholic religion and other world faiths. During a year, each child will have explored the three themes of Church, Sacraments and Christian Living. Within these themes there are nine topics which explore the themes in greater depth.

As they move through the school, the children develop a set of skills starting in Early Years and Year 1 with recognising and describing and by Year 5 and 6 moving to demonstrating understanding. The children also develop their knowledge about scripture, the sacraments, the Church and how Christians live out their faith.

As well as developing the skills and knowledge specific to religious Education, the children have opportunities to consolidate and apply their reading and writing skills. In addition to this, the teaching of religious Education is enhanced through a range of different creative approaches such as the use of art, design and drama.

By the end of each phase....

By the end of Year 2, most children can retell a story from scripture; use some religious vocabulary to describe what happens during some religious actions and worship.

By the end of Year 4, most children accurately retell a scripture story, make links between what Christians do because of what they believe in: and use a range of religious vocabulary to describe what happens during religious worship and some sacraments.

By the end of Year 6 most children will show understanding of a range of scripture passages; show knowledge and understanding of religious symbols and the steps involved in religious actions and worship, including the celebration of the Sacraments; show understanding of Christian's beliefs and actions; use religious vocabulary widely, accurately and appropriately.