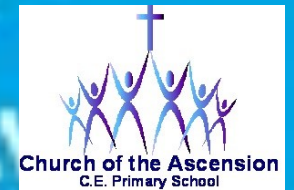


# RE at Church of the Ascension Primary School



## What does RE look like at Church of the Ascension?

Religious Education has a unique place at the heart of Ascension. Through our RE curriculum, we are passionate about our children being: critical thinkers when enquiring and exploring questions arising from the study of religion and belief, courageous advocates promoting social action within the local community and beyond whilst being aware of their own beliefs and values, which they can reason and articulate confidently.

We aim for our children to develop skills to view themselves as theologians with a secure knowledge and understanding of Christianity and the other principal religious traditions and beliefs represented in Great Britain. We want our children to understand how religious beliefs and traditions impact on the world in which we live and to develop a positive attitude towards those who hold religious beliefs different to our own. RE is taught as a discrete subject following the Dudley Agreed Syllabus, using the Worcester Agreed Syllabus and Understanding Christianity as ways of delivering this.

**“ Religions are different roads converging to the same point. What does it matter that we take different roads as long as we reach the same goal? In reality, there are as many different religions as there are individuals.”**

**Gandhi**

## Examples of Learning

RE is taught in an enquiry-based approach, whereby each unit of learning begins with 'The Big Question'. Each unit begins with an engagement activity followed by a series of lessons, which will enable the children to apply their learning in order to answer the big question by the end of the unit. These big questions include: Being special: where do we belong? What is it like to be part of a faith community? What kind of world did Jesus want? Creation and Science—conflict or complementary? Overarching all of our learning are our six core Christian values of: thankfulness, generosity, respect, forgiveness, honesty and perseverance, which each have a half-term focus throughout our learning.

## Quotes from Children

RE makes me feel like I am part of a community and it teaches me to think about big questions in life.

To me, RE is a portal to the open world to see different religions and beliefs.

I feel loved and safe whenever we do RE. It is one of the highlights of my day.