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Why we teach it - our purpose of study

Religious Education is an important element in the broad and balanced curriculum we aim to provide at Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery. Through our RE curriculum we provide opportunities to develop children's knowledge and understanding of world religions and reflect on the challenging questions that it provokes. The aims of religious education are:

- To develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity and other religions and consider how the beliefs of others impact on their lives and the lives of others.
- To encourage children to ask and reflect on challenging questions.
- To provide opportunities for personal reflection where children can explore their own beliefs (not necessarily religious).
- To encourage children to appreciate and respect the different cultures in today's society.

INTENT

Religious Education at Offley Endowed Primary School contributes dynamically to children's education, provoking challenging questions about human life, beliefs, communities and ideas. In RE pupils learn from religions and world views about different ways of life in local, national and global contexts. They discover, explore and consider many different answers to questions about human identity, meaning and value. They learn to weigh up for themselves the value of wisdom from different communities, to disagree respectfully, to be reasonable in their responses to religions and world views and to respond by expressing insights into their own and others' lives. They think rigorously, creatively, imaginatively and respectfully about their ideas in relation to religions and world views.

IMPLEMENTATION

At Offley Endowed Primary and Nursery School we plan our RE based on the Discovery RE agreed syllabus, as a whole school approach. The long and medium term plans ensure that there is progression throughout the school and that children are building upon knowledge learnt in previous years. The units are designed so that pupils develop knowledge and understanding of the principal religions in Great Britain and Christianity is taught as a core religion in all key stages. Our RE curriculum allows children to see the similarities within the major religions and make connections. Each year group will look at festivals in a variety of religions. We recognise that within classes, there is a wide variety of abilities and Discovery RE provides suitable learning opportunities that are matched to the needs of all children. Where possible, teaching will be supplemented with trips to places of worship or visits from people from religious communities. Reverend Bell from Mary Magdalene church in Offley is a regular visitor, as is Jo White from Stopsely Baptist Church. We visit the churches in both Offley and Lilley throughout the year.

In the foundation stage, RE is linked to the Early Learning Goals and provides children the opportunity to explore the world of religion in terms of special people, books, times, places and objects.

IMPACT

Each year group has selected RE units to tie in with their topics on their Long Term Plan.

Each year group also has an assessment ladder, a set of objectives with which to assess the children at the end of each unit. Children who are "working towards" and at "greater depth" are recorded in order to track progression and provide intervention where appropriate. Children are also encouraged to discuss their experiences and feelings, particularly with regard to their beliefs. Pupils at the school will be more prepared for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.