



Shipham

C of E First School

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community



RE

Intent, Implementation and Impact statement

Intent

At Shipham Church of England First School our children learn about different religious beliefs, so that they can better understand the world around them. Our RE curriculum is underpinned by the SACRE agreed syllabus for teaching RE in Somerset (Awareness, Mystery and Value) and rooted in our Christian values of, Respect, Trust, Courage, Thankfulness, Kindness and Community. Through this we aim to empower our pupils to develop into aspirational and resilient individuals who are kind, respectful, and responsible members of society. We aim to equip pupils with the knowledge, experiences, understanding and attitudes which will enable them to be part of a multi-faith society, having a positive sense of self and others. Children will engage with powerful and important questions of meaning. This enables children to not just learn about religion but also learn from it.

Implementation

We follow the SACRE agreed syllabus for teaching RE in Somerset (Awareness, Mystery and Value). Our curriculum covers the world's major religions including Islam, Judaism and Hinduism with additional emphasis on Christianity, as we are a Church of England school. Units of work are planned to be progressive, building on prior knowledge, and the study of at least one major world religion is covered in each year group. Where possible, units are linked to other subjects in the curriculum. Lessons are inquiry-led to enable all children to take an active role in their learning. Lessons are taught on a weekly basis, however, children also take part in Christian festivals such as Christmas and Easter, when they learn what it means to be part of a Christian community. Monitoring of progress takes place informally through book scrutiny and reviewing other evidence, including floor books. Planning, teaching and learning are monitored by the subject leader, who also provides up-to-date resources. Our children

take part in daily Collective Worship, which is planned, in detail, to link in with the seasons and festivals of the church. This includes a weekly visit to our local church for a service lead by our local clergy.

Impact

Children at Shipham Church of England First School enjoy their learning in RE. Our children gain knowledge and understanding of the key beliefs of Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism and develop respect for different belief systems and the influence these have on how people choose to live their lives. The children in KS2 in particular are able to talk about key teachings and stories they have been taught. By following the agreed local syllabus, we not only fulfil statutory requirements however children are also able to make links between their own lives and those in their community and wider world. Children develop a strong sense of self, identity and belonging within our school community. The impact of our RE teaching is evident in several key areas and reflects our school values. Through having the opportunity to ask and answers the challenging questions of life, in a safe and supportive environment, children are able to engage in opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual development to enable them to be confident, sensitive individuals, prepared for life in a diverse world.