

Our R.E Curriculum

Our vision

At St John's, we believe that it is important for all children to form a clear sense of their own identity as a child growing up in the north-east of England.

The purpose of our R.E curriculum is to enable all children to achieve this by engaging in sustained shared thinking about significant questions which are addressed through different religions and worldviews. We believe that supporting children to develop the understanding and skills they need to consider varied responses to these questions and to develop their own views and ideas over time.

We believe that the skills we equip children with at this age will enable them to go into the world as curious, independent thinkers who are able to consider the views to which they are exposed. These opportunities and experiences provide children in our school with the understanding of why R.E is relevant in their lives now and how it will continue to be relevant in the future.

Curriculum intent

At St John's, we have created our R.E with the intent that our children will become resilient, mindful, accepting and inquisitive learners. The curriculum has been developed to allow the children to encounter religions from within our community as well as the wider world. We believe that this is an essential tool for our children to aid them in understanding other people's beliefs and help them in making connections to their own values. Our R.E is driven and linked through an enquiry led approach and the children learn through their experiences and conversations with others.

Implementation

The teaching and implementation of the R.E curriculum at St Johns is based on the Newcastle LEA Agreed Syllabus of R.E (2020.) This scheme of work provides a model for teaching and learning in R.E from EYFS through to year 6.

We recognise the variety of religious and non-religious families from which our pupils come, and we welcome and celebrate this diversity. We are sensitive to the home background of each child and work to ensure that all children feel included in our R.E programme.

At St. Johns we acknowledge the importance of the children's all round personal development and the leading role that R.E plays in contributing to the spiritual, social and cultural elements.

Following the agreed syllabus for R.E we ensure that the children:

- Know about and understand a range of religions and worldviews.
- Are able to express ideas and insights about the nature, significance and impact of religions and worldviews.
- Acquire and deploy the skills needed to engage with religions and worldviews.