



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



RE isn't just about learning facts about different religions — it's about helping children understand the world around them, encouraging them to ask big questions, and promoting respect for others. In today's diverse society, it's more important than ever for children to develop empathy and an open mind toward people of different beliefs, backgrounds, and cultures.

Each year group in our school focuses on a different religion or belief system. Over their time in primary school, children will explore Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism, and Humanism. They'll also take part in thematic topics that bring together ideas from different religions and from those who don't follow a faith. These themes might look at questions like "What does it mean to live a good life?" or "How do people express what they believe?"

You may be surprised to know that there is not a national curriculum for RE. Instead, schools follow what's called an "Agreed Syllabus" — a locally developed curriculum created in partnership with faith groups, educators, and local authorities. Our school follows the agreed syllabus used across Havering, Barking & Dagenham, and Redbridge, known as SACRE. This ensures that RE teaching is balanced, inclusive, and reflects the communities we live in.

We hope you will see the impact of RE in the way your child talks about different beliefs, shows curiosity about the world, and demonstrates kindness and understanding toward others.

So, what have we been learning about? In RE we try to answer some big questions...

How do religions celebrate the birth of a baby?

Year 1

Who is a Christian and what do they believe?

How do the stories of Jesus inspire Christians today?

Year 2

What do Christians do at Easter and why is it important to them?

Why is Jesus important to Christians?

Year 3

Why do religious people celebrate?

Who should inspire us?

Year 4

What matters most to Humanists and Christians?

Why is prayer important for religious believers?

Year 5

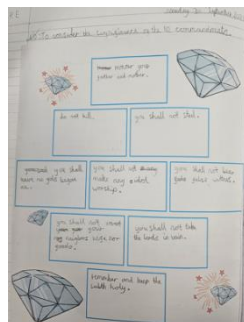
What does it mean to be a Christian?

What do religions say to use when life gets hard?

Year 6

What does it mean to be a Sikh?

Look at our learning in action...



I love RE because we get to share ideas and find out about what different people think.



I see what my friends do to celebrate what they believe!



I think RE is important as it helps us understand each other.