

RE
Policy



Introduction:

Pillowell Community Primary School is controlled by the LA. This means that Religious Education will follow the County's Agreed Syllabus and will be non-denominational.

Aim:

The principal aim of religious education in Gloucestershire is....' to engage pupils with key questions arising from the study of religion so as to promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.' (Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus 2006-2011)

Objectives:

- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum which will contribute to the spiritual growth of all pupils.
- To provide a course of RE which is appropriate to the educational needs of the children at their various stages of development, starting from where the children are.
- To encourage the knowledge and understanding of the diversity of religious beliefs and practices in today's society so that an attitude of respect towards people's faiths and beliefs might be fostered.
- To explore a wide range of human endeavour and achievement using stories from Christian and other religious traditions, characters and incidents from history which illustrate religious and moral commitments.
- To grow in awareness of themselves and others and develop an increasing sense of their own identity and worth.
- To encourage positive attitudes in personal relationships and moral issues by providing a secure and tolerant setting.
- To encourage the children to have a reflective approach to life which will assist them to develop a self understanding and empathy for others.
- To develop an interest in the natural world and their ability to reflect upon the world around them and various human responses to it.

Content:

The Education Reform Act 1988 states that all new syllabi must 'reflect that the religious traditions represented in Great Britain are in the main Christian whilst taking into account the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain.'

It has two attainment targets:

- Learning about religions;
- Learning from religions;

And there are three strands of content:

- Believing
- Expressing

- Living

KS1 children will study Christianity and Judaism.

KS2 children will study Christianity, Judaism and Islam

These will be covered in a year rolling programme.

To provide for the spiritual and moral development of the pupils there will be a variety of learning experience to gives opportunities for them to:

- Discuss matter of personal concern;
- Develop relationships with peers and adults;
- Develop a sense of community, considering the needs of others;
- Experience what is aesthetically pleasing;
- Express thoughts and feelings in a creative way;
- Search for meaning and purpose;
- Respond to beauty, goodness, suffering, death etc;
- Explore and share beliefs, religious, personal, individual or shared;
- Be inspired by the natural world, mystery and human achievement
- Develop a belief in the existence of a divine being (God) or a belief in one's own inner ability to rise above everyday experience.

SEN:

It is our aim to provide a suitable programme of work for all children, including those with special educational needs. This will usually be achieved through differentiated tasks.

Assessment:

Pupils' assessment will include informal teacher assessments and annual reports to parents. The 8 level descriptors may be used to decide the level of attainment, on a best fit principle and as a basis to describe progress. 'Schools are strongly advised to use the level statements for planning tasks and achievements.' AS p29

Resources:

There are resources in the resource area. A limited number of artefacts for Christianity, Islam and Judaism are also stored in boxes.

The 2 junior classes have Bibles suitable for the children's use, while the infants have appropriate Bible storybooks.

Resources can be obtained on a termly basis from the Diocesan RE Resource Centre in Gloucester that are delivered and returned on the envopak van.

The local churches can provide a natural resource for the learning about the Church and its life today. Links are already established with Pillowell Chapel and St. Paul's Church at Parkend.