

Holy Family RC Primary School: RE

John 15:12: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.



Aim	At Holy Family, we appreciate that God lies at the heart of our understanding of life; resultantly we strive to ensure that Religious Education permeates every aspect of our school life. Through our charity, teaching and living of the core values: we clothe our entire educational journey in Christ. Part of this aim is to teach children empathy.
Overview	As a Catholic School, we devote 10% of curriculum time to the teaching of Religious Education. This means curriculum RE is designated 2.5 hours for pupils in Reception to Year 6 per week. This is separate from our opportunities for daily prayer and weekly collective worship - which include assemblies, celebration of the word (pupil led), hymn practise and monthly mass. In addition, we also celebrate Holy Days of obligation as a whole school.
Implementation	<p>As a school, we follow the scheme 'Come and See'.. This exposes the children to a vast amount of scripture and due to carefully sequenced planning, children are able to build on, and consolidate learning.</p> <p>Our lesson design when teaching a topic include the following aspects:</p> <p>Explore lessons include opportunities to make clear links between the Catholic faith and modern day life.</p> <p>Reveal lessons focus on using a significant figure or/and scripture to have a greater understanding of a theme</p> <p>Class liturgies conclude each unit using what you have learnt to make your celebration bespoke.</p> <p>Assessment Children complete a short assessment question to show their understanding of the topic.</p> <p>'Come and See' also contains the required resources and units for us to regularly teach children about other world religions and faiths. Resultantly, they develop an appreciation for faith in a wider sense and are appreciative and respectful of the religious beliefs, practices and observances of others, thus enabling them to be responsible and constructive members of the multi-cultural, multi-faith society in which they live.</p> <p>Staff recognise and understand the distinguishing features of teaching and learning within a Catholic setting. Teachers approach Religious Education with enthusiasm and creativity, making the teaching of scripture interesting and fun for all children. All ages and abilities are</p>

considered within planning to guarantee inclusivity and enjoyment throughout every lesson. Work is adapted and scaffolded to meet the needs of vulnerable children including SEN, as well as our children who are working at Greater Depth.

All Religious Education lessons include the following aspects:

- Learning challenges and steps to success
- An opportunity to revisit prior learning
- An opportunity to practise using new vocabulary
- Teacher instruction is explicit and children are given the opportunity to work collaboratively.
- An opportunity to review scripture and use its meaning in our daily lives

EYFS

Driver words: Retell,
explore

Myself – God knows and loves each one

Welcome – Baptism: A welcome to God’s family

Birthday – Looking forward to Jesus

Celebrating – People celebrate in church

Gathering – The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist

Growing – Looking forward to Easter

Good News – Friends of Jesus

Our World – God’s wonderful world

Other religions

– Judaism & Islam - Foundation stage will also celebrate other festivals from different faiths and cultures, e.g. Diwali, Chinese New Year

KS1

Driver words: Retell,
describe, explore

Year 1:

- Families: God's love and care for every family
- Belonging: Baptism, an invitation to belong in God's family
- Waiting: Advent, a time to look forward to Christmas
- Special people: People in the parish family
- Meals: Mass; Jesus' special meal
- Change: Lent, a time for change
- Holidays and Holy Days: Pentecost: A feat of the Holy Spirit
- Being sorry: God helps us to choose well
- Neighbours: Neighbours share God's world.

Year 2:

- Beginnings: God at every beginning
- Signs and symbols: Signs and symbols in Baptism
- Preparations: Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas
- Books: The books used in church
- Thanksgiving: Mass, a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus
- Opportunities: Lent, an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life
- Spread the word: Pentecost, a time to spread the Good News
- Rules: Reasons for rules in the Christian family – Reconciliation
- Treasures: God's treasures, the world

Other religions
– Judaism & Islam

KS2

Driver words: Retell,
describe, evaluate,
link

Year 3:

- Homes: God's dream for every family
- Promises: Promises made at Baptism
- Visitors: Advent, waiting for the coming of Jesus
- Journeys: Christian family's journey with Jesus
- Listening and sharing: Jesus gives himself to us
- Giving all: Lent is a time to remember Jesus' total giving
- Energy: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Choices: Examination of conscience
- Special places: Holy places for Jesus and Christians

Year 4:

- People: The family of God
- Called: Confirmation: a call to witness
- Gift: Community
- Gift and receiving: Living in communion
- Self discipline: celebrating growth to new life
- New life: To hear and live the Easter message
- Building bridges: admitting wrong, being reconciled with God
 - and each other through Reconciliation
- God's people: Different saints show people what God is like

Year 5:

- Ourselves: Created in the image and likeness of God
- Life choices: Marriage commitment and service
- Hope: Advent – waiting in Joyful hope for Jesus
- Mission: Continuing Jesus' mission in the Diocese
- Memorial service: The Eucharist – Living memory of Jesus' sacrifice
- Sacrifice: Lent, a time for aligning the sacrifice of Jesus

- Transformation: Celebration of the spirit's transforming power
- Freedom and responsibility: Commandments enable Christians
 - to be free and responsible
- Stewardship: The church I called to the stewardship of creation

Year 6:

- Loving: God, who never stops loving
- Vocation and commitment: The vocation of priesthood and religious life
- Expectations: Jesus born to show God to the world
- Sources: The Bible, the special book for the church
- Unity: Eucharist enables people to live in communion
- Death and new life: Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection
- Witnesses: The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses
- Healing: Sacrament of the Sick
- Common good: Work of the worldwide Christian family

Other religions

– Judaism, Islam, Buddhism & Sikhism

Impact

The impact of Religious Education in our school shines through our pupils as they leave Year 6. The foundations they are set up to have by us provide them with the ability to empathise with others' beliefs, while maintaining their own spiritual growth. Children leave our school with a wealth of knowledge, but more importantly, the skills to apply them in their lives. Holy Family educates children from a variety of faiths, cultures and backgrounds and each one of them feels valued and respected.

