



NEWINGTON CEP SCHOOL

POLICY for

Religious Education

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Introduction:

The teaching of Religious Education plays an important role in the life of Newington Church Of England School, contributing to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils. Pupils are encouraged to ask questions and develop their own values and beliefs. We follow the Canterbury Diocesan Revised Scheme of Work 2014.

Aims:

Our scheme of work for Religious Education aims to enable pupils

- To gain a secure knowledge and understanding of Christianity through the beliefs and traditions of the Anglican Church.
- To be introduced to the major religions children are likely to encounter living in Kent.
- To reflect on religious beliefs, practices, values and traditions in relation to their own lives.
- To mature in their own beliefs, values and behaviour.

Time:

EYFS- taught through story, circle time and child-initiated activities each week.(approx. 20mins)

Key Stage 1 and 2 - 1 hour per week plus time preparing for Church Services or Collective Worship through the year.

Scheme of Work

Diocese of Canterbury- Revised Scheme of Work 2014

Reception Class- Special Times, Special People, Special Places.

KS1-

Year 1 - Christianity (4 units) Judaism (2 units)

Year 2- Christianity (4 units) Hinduism (2 units)

KS2

Years 3/4/5 Christianity (4units) Judaism (1 unit) Islam (1 unit)

Year 6 Christianity (3units) Judaism (1 unit) Sikhism (2 units)

In all year groups Christianity is studied following the Church Seasons and includes work based on Harvest, Christmas, Easter (including Lent) and Pentecost. Children will spend additional time preparing for Church Services.

Term 6 -"Living a Christian Life" will particularly emphasise the school's Christian Values of being WELCOMING, FORGIVING, GENEROUS, and FLOURISHING.

Assessment

Class teachers formally assess their pupils three times a year, usually at the end of a unit of work. AT1 and AT2

Data (level) is centrally recorded for each child.

Information is also gathered as part of a continual process by talking with the children, observing on visits or with visitors and marking their work. Extra evidence is obtained where a child has low literacy skills.

Children are encouraged to be aware of their progress by using child friendly level sheets at the front of their RE book.

Teachers use RE.ONLINE exemplars to assist with levelling.

The children are assessed on the two targets:

AT1 Learning about Religions

AT2 Learning from Religion

Levels appropriate for year groups:

Year 1: 1-2

Year 2: 1-3 mostly 2

Year 3: 2-3

Year 4: 2-4 mostly 3

Year 5: 3-4

Year 6: 2-5 mostly 4

Approach

From Year 1 each child has his/her own book specifically for RE work but RE may include practical activities such as role play, art work, cookery and discussion.

Each year group will take part in a visit linked with a unit or a visitor will be invited in to talk with the children. The Clergy from St. Mary's Church, Newington work closely with the school on many units such as Baptism and Special Places with Year R.

Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Religious Education (1944 Education Act). This should be discussed with the Head of School / Executive Headteacher and may be from all or part of the RE Curriculum.

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