# **RE Curriculum**



#### Rationale

At Crompton Primary, we believe that it is vital for all our pupils to learn from and about religion so that they can understand the world around them. Religious Education has a significant role for the development of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Through Religious Education, pupils develop their knowledge of the world faiths, and their understanding and awareness of the beliefs, values and traditions of other individuals, societies, communities and cultures. It promotes respect and open-mindedness towards others with different faiths and beliefs and encourages pupils to develop their sense of identity and belonging through self-awareness and reflection.

## **Subject Intent**

We encourage our pupils to ask questions about the world and to reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences. Our Religious Education curriculum is enhanced further with trips to places of worship in our local area and religious visitors. Within our teaching of RE, there are three aims as set out below:

#### Making sense of beliefs

Identifying and making sense of core religious and non-religious beliefs and concepts; understanding what these beliefs mean within their traditions; recognising how and why sources of authority (such as texts) are used, expressed and interpreted in different ways; and developing skills of interpretation.

#### Making connections

Evaluating, reflecting on and connecting the key concepts and questions studied, so that pupils can challenge the ideas studied and consider how these ideas might challenge their own thinking; discerning possible connections between the ideas and pupils' own lives and ways of understanding the world, expressing critical responses and personal reflections.

#### Understanding the impact

Examining and explaining how and why people put their religions and beliefs into action in diverse ways, within their everyday lives, within their communities and in the wider world, appreciating and appraising different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning.

## **Implementation**

In order to deliver the aims and expected standards of the Oldham Agreed Syllabus, it is expected that EYFS and Key Stage 1 will allocate, on average, 50 minutes a week to RE and Key Stage 2 will allocate, on average, 1 hour a week. Staff may choose to plan RE to be delivered each week or delivered over RE days and/or weeks but there is a clear expectation that RE must form a valued and consistent part of the curriculum at Crompton Primary.

Over their time at school, we aim to give children a broad and balanced experience of the world's main religions as detailed below:

4-7-year olds Reception and Key Stage 1	7-11-year olds Key Stage 2
Christianity	Christianity
Islam	Hinduism
	Judaism
	Islam
And possibly additionally	
Hinduism	Another religion or worldview represented
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Non-religious perspectives on belief and spirituality should be studied as appropriate in each key stage. Humanism is a visible example of a UK based non-religious worldview.

The beliefs and religions of children represented in the class, school and local community, including non-religious worldviews, should form a part of individual classes learning.

At Crompton Primary, we aim to offer the following experiences and enrichment opportunities as a part of the Religious Education syllabus:

- Handling artefacts
- Exploring sacred texts
- using imaginative play or drama to express feelings and ideas
- responding to images, games, stories, art, music and dance
- meeting visitors from local religious communities
- making visits to religious places of worship where possible, and where not, making use of videos and the internet
- taking part in whole school events- (multi-faith days, Harvest Festival, school performances)
- · participating in moments of quiet reflection
- using ICT to further explore religion and belief globally
- comparing religions and worldviews through discussion

• debating and communicating religious beliefs, worldviews and philosophical ideas and answering and asking ultimate questions posed by these.

## **RE in EYFS: Programme of Study**

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) describes the phase of a child's education from birth to the end of the reception year at the age of five.

RE is statutory for all pupils registered on the school roll. The statutory requirement for Religious Education does not extend to nursery classes in maintained schools however, Crompton Primary recognises the value of this learning and expects RE to form a valuable part of the educational experience of children throughout the key stage.

Early Years Foundation Stage	
Nursery	Reception
RE is non-statutory but teachers are	RE is a compulsory part of the basic
expected to incorporate RE material into	curriculum for all Reception age pupils, and
children's activities with a focus on the	should be taught according to the Agreed
main religious festivals throughout the year.	Syllabus for RE, in line with Early Learning
	Goals.

Children in EYFS should encounter religions and worldviews through special people, books, times, places and objects and by visiting places of worship. They should listen to and talk about stories. Children can be introduced to subject specific words and use all their senses to explore beliefs, practices and forms of expression. They ask questions and reflect on their own feelings and experiences. They use their imagination and curiosity to develop their appreciation of and wonder at the world in which they live.

### **Impact**

Through High Quality Teaching and the supplementary materials used to support the RE curriculum our children develop respect and open-mindedness towards others with different faiths and beliefs. All children are encouraged to develop their sense of identity and belonging through self-awareness and reflection.

Our children will be given an array of opportunities to further embed their learning through visits and visitors.

It is hoped that all children and staff can share the enthusiasm and desire to learn from and about religions and embrace the creativity that brings.