

## Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

*'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'*

### RE at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

#### **Intent**

At Our Lady of Peace, our aim is to see our children form happy and rich memories in R.E. formed through an engaging and comprehensive curriculum enabling them to develop a living and personal faith in Jesus Christ, allowing them to know and love God and understand the world around them. As a Catholic School, the RE Curriculum is central to the whole school curriculum and with our Gospel values, underpins all teaching.

As teachers through high quality teaching, we will engage children's intellect, heart and imagination, inspiring enthusiasm and interest in RE. Children will develop the appropriate subject knowledge, skills and understanding to fulfil their potential and meet Diocesan Standards for Primary Religious Education.

Our curriculum coverage allows all learners to access the content, make progress through the curriculum and designed to encourage creativity, imagination, enquiry, debate, discussion and independence. Children will develop a well-formed conscience allowing them to make sound moral judgements in the light of personal commitment to God.

Each child will feel they belong to our school community and are not excluded because they are not Catholic. Lessons should be places where everyone is respected for their beliefs and expressions of faith and where ultimately, they all achieve.

Children will be prepared for life in a multi faith society by fostering respect for and understanding of rich cultural diversity. They will develop a real understanding and appreciation of the world and be able to reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences.

#### **Implementation**

- With the help of God and the Archdiocese to implement a RE curriculum whereby the Catholic faith permeates everything we do.
- RE is a core subject and all children will study RE for 10% of the timetabled teaching time. The curriculum hours in RE are no-negotiable and will be followed by all staff in the school.



- Religious Education is taught throughout the school following the Catholic Religious Education Directory (RED). As a school we follow the Arundel and Brighton resource 'Day by Day' which supports teachers to create engaging lessons in line with meeting the standards in the RED. This is endorsed by Northampton Diocese.
- Each year groups will study a number of units over the year. The units are developmental, building on previous knowledge and experience and considering the children's age and understanding.
- The topics covered by each year group are as detailed on the curriculum overview and in the RED.
- Assessment follows the end of year expectations as outlined in the RED.
- Approached will include whole class teaching, group activities and individual work. Children will have opportunities to work individually as well as cooperatively and collaboratively, developing their own knowledge and expertise as well as sharing experiences with others.
- High quality teaching responds to the needs of children.
- Leaders ensure that ongoing CPD is available for staff to ensure curriculum requirements are met.
- Leaders at all levels, including governors regularly reviews and quality assure the subject to ensure that it is implemented sufficiently well.
- Children who will be highly engaged in RE lessons through the use of a variety of sources such as religious stories, scripture, religious artwork, songs, music, dance and religious signs and symbols.
- The life and work of key figures in the History of the people of God will be studied, for example, lives of the saints.
- The use of visits and visitors in school will enhance the RE curriculum.
- Catholic Social Teaching is a vital part of our faith. Children will learn the principles of Catholic Social Teaching each term and will explore how these can be outlived in our daily lives. We will also endeavour to build links between Catholic Social Teaching and the wider curriculum.



### Impact

- The school environment will reflect and celebrate our Catholic faith.
- Children will live their faith in an active and positive way through religious practice, prayer and worship, always aware of the presence and love of Christ guiding them.
- Through moderation of planning, lessons and books, we can be sure that progress is made across all year groups. If progress is not made, support is immediate and steps provided to ensure all pupils achieve and make progress.
- Children are happy learners within RE. They experience a wide-ranging number of learning challenges in RE and know appropriate responses to them.

- Through RE, children deepen their appreciation of their faith and fulfil their God-given talents.
- Children will understand the Catholic virtues and Principle of Catholic Social Teaching which will be focused on each half term and how these relate to their personal life and to British Values.
- Children will develop their moral, spiritual, vocational and culture nature and deepen their faith.
- Children will be able to define, describe and discuss areas of RE. They will confidently use skills such as retelling, describing, comparing, giving reasons, explaining the meaning of biblical stories and considering the impact of beliefs.
- The children can make links between Jesus' life and teaching and link it to their own lives and those of others in their community and in the wider world, developing an understanding of other people's cultures and ways of life.
- Children will be able to reflect and consider important questions about RE.

