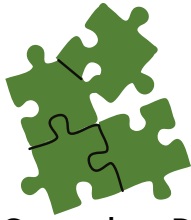




RE at Thomas Johnson Lower School



TJLS Curriculum Drivers

Dream

Children will have an enquiry-based approach to teaching and learning - and will ask questions about the world's religions. They will be curious and want to know about different religions and it impacts people's way of life. They will investigate their traditions, beliefs and celebrations.

Discover

Real life experiences, sacred stories, songs, artefacts and places of worship will show the children the diversity which exists within and between communities. We will promote local community cohesion through visitor talks of the local faith community to share personal experiences. Children will have opportunities to examine ceremonial/special clothing and artefacts to provoke questions and discussion. Children will listen to stories of different faiths and will discuss the meaning behind them.

Children will be given many opportunities to explore and investigate. Children will learn about religious traditions and celebrations. There will be opportunities for whole school celebrations, marking celebrations of the different festivals of faith, local community visits, trips to places of worship and showcase what has been taught.

Flourish

Children will be encouraged to articulate beliefs, values and commitments clearly in order to explain why they may be important in their own and other people's lives. Children will be allowed to share their own experiences and will have opportunities to reflect on other religions and how it might have influenced their own starting point/beliefs.

Children will be provided with opportunities to be able to access challenging RE through a wide range of key questions and enquiry questions. Children will learn to articulate clearly and coherently their personal beliefs, ideas, values and experiences while respecting the right of others to differ. We will help children to develop into empathetic, confident people who can discuss, debate, ask questions and seek answers in a compassionate way.



Sequencing of Content

Throughout their time with us at TJLS, children will learn about Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

It is taught progressively with prior knowledge and learning being referenced alongside new elements.



Deepening of Content

We teach:

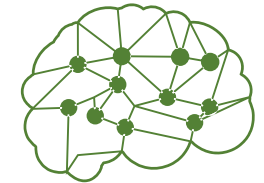
- Christianity
- Judaism
- Sikhism
- Hinduism
- Islam

These religions are deepened over time with a clear outline of different elements and knowledge being built on.



Big Ideas

- Making sense of beliefs - understand what these beliefs mean within their traditions.
- Understanding the impact - children will appreciate, tolerate and respect different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning.
- Making connections - children will make connections between different traditions and beliefs by linking them to their own lives.



Retrieval Practice

Children take part in regular mini-quizzes and retrieval activities to strengthen their memory.

Learning journeys dovetail so learning can be retrieved and applied.

Remembering information and knowledge is celebrated as part of the TJLS culture.