

The teaching of RE supports the following areas of the Curriculum Vision for Overfields Primary School

To have secure basic skills in maths and English

Through the teaching of RE, children will become more tolerant, understanding and open-minded. They will be given opportunities to recognise the importance of their maths and English learning and apply those skills taught during RE sessions. When they are taught new themes or about new religions, they will have the ability to reflect and apply new knowledge, as well as to compare between religious beliefs. They will have a deeper understanding of how story telling and drama can be used to demonstrate learning about and from religions.

To have a love of reading

The agreed syllabus and RE today scheme in RE, provides many opportunities from EYFS to Year 6 for children to hear, learn and read around religions and beliefs and associated stories as well as the opportunities to create dramas and performances from them. Open the book drama group from St Cuthbert's local church, visit once a month to perform a bible story in assembly, which creates opportunities for follow up reading and discussion.

To stay healthy and safe

Children's mental health will be better equipped as RE teaches them about tolerance and understanding. The teaching and learning of RE, helps young children develop beliefs and values, and promotes the virtues of respect and empathy, which are important in our diverse society.

To be aspirational

RE will promote children to be aspirational as it will teach them key skills which will enable them to be the best they can be throughout their life. They will have a clearer understanding of how world religions can shape society. They will develop empathy, respect, care and understanding through taught sessions and visitors in/visits to places of worship. They will have many role-models to aspire to.

To be respectful and caring

As different religions are taught, being respectful and caring will be at the heart of RE learning. Pupils will develop an understanding of what respect is and why it is a crucial life skill. Children will know that religions, people, places of worship and property require respect. Visitors into school and visits out as well as charity and community work take place and the importance of using manners and appropriate questioning will be fundamental.

To be inquisitive, independent and problem solvers

Through RE children are encouraged to ask questions and be comfortable when talking about different themes and religions. RE provides children with knowledge and skills that they will take with them into their adult life. RE gives children the ability to use the skills they have learnt and draw upon their previously taught knowledge to solve problems in a range of contexts through discussion and questioning.