

Religious Education at Alexandra Primary School – Our Intentions:

At Alexandra Primary School, we believe that Religious Education will help our children to understand more of the world in which they live. It enables children to extend their own values and promote their spiritual growth and understanding of respect. It involves teaching the children knowledge and a range of skills that can be applied across the curriculum. These skills will enable children to be inquisitive, enquiring, and thoughtful learners who will develop a curiosity about the world around them. This will include investigating different cultures, beliefs, and faiths and how these impact peoples' day to day lives. Learning about and learning from religious and spiritual insights, beliefs and practices to be able to express their own thinking and beliefs.

RE Skills that we develop include:

- Identify questions about religion and belief to initiate an investigation.
- Plan and structure the enquiry by defining the information sources and viewpoints to be considered.
- Analyse, articulate, and explain the findings that emerge from the enquiry as well as the ideas and feelings associated with it.
- Reflect critically on the lessons learned from the enquiry and highlight the issues that promote empathy and engagement.
- Evaluate the most important points to surface from the enquiry and consider how these impact on pupils' own and others' lives.

At APS, we want to foster an appreciation for a variety of beliefs and faiths around the world and in our local community. We want the children to understand the different religious faiths in the UK and across the world and how these impact peoples' lives. We also aim to link British Values, particularly **Respect** and **Compassion** to their understanding.

Aspire: RE develops skills for the children to become conscientious global citizens who are aware that different people from different cultures have different beliefs. We want the children to become exploratory learners and to engage in investigations of different faiths and beliefs.

Perform: The children will be given the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their investigation and enquiry skills as they research and find out about different religions and how aspects of these religions affect the world around them. This will provide them with skills they can use across the curriculum and help them to achieve and perform in other areas.

Succeed: We want our children to leave APS with a depth and breadth of knowledge about different religions, belief systems and faiths.

During their learning the children may explore the following areas: Worship and Celebration, Rites of Passage, Key Figures, Writings, Stories, Language and Symbolism, Places and Communities, Values and Social Action, Beliefs.

In order for our children to **Aspire, Perform and Succeed**, we use a variety of strategies, which include:

- Questioning about different religions and belief systems
- Planning enquiries into different aspects of various faiths
- Reflecting on their enquiries and considering how this impacts their daily lives and those of others around them.
- Considering the beliefs and faiths of the others in their class and Alexandra Primary School as a whole.

We want our children to enjoy exploring different religions and belief systems and take part in enquiries and investigations into a variety of world religions and consider how they can be accepting, conscientious and respectful. To evaluate and apply knowledge and skills and to be able to express their own views. We also want our children to be more aware of the influence religion has had on subjects such as music, literature, history, politics and art.