



Religious Education at Rackenford Primary School

Intent

Religious Education at Rackenford Primary School promotes children to think and react to provoking and challenging questions about the meaning and purpose of life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human.

- At Rackenford Primary School, pupils learn about religions and beliefs in local, national and global contexts, to discover, explore and to consider different answers to the questions that will arise from this learning.
- Pupils learn to weigh up the value of wisdom from different sources, they develop and express their insights in response to this and agree or disagree respectfully.
- RE will develop an aptitude in our pupils for dialogue so that they can participate positively in our society, with its diverse religions and beliefs.
- Pupils gain and deploy the skills needed to understand, interpret and evaluate texts, sources of wisdom and authority and other evidence.
- Pupils learn to articulate clearly and coherently their personal beliefs, ideas, values and experiences whilst respecting the right of others to differ.
- Pupils are given opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual development. They are taught to consider the influence of religion on individuals, families, communities and cultures

Implementation

RE is taught through the 'Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus 2019-2024' which provides a safe space for young people to develop their understanding of people, cultures, faiths and relationships. We also use 'Understanding Christianity' to teach the Christian units of work.

- RE is taught weekly
- Work is recorded in RE floor books and is evidenced using a variety of outcomes as suggested by the agreed syllabus.
- Lessons are planned and delivered in a variety of ways, ensuring that all children can access and participate in lessons.
- Interactive and practical activities encourage the children to discuss their ideas and extend their understanding of difficult concepts and challenging questions.
- Regular assemblies (such as those using Roots and Shoots) and celebrations of religious and non-religious festivals and events, implemented alongside R.E. lessons, help to celebrate the diversity of the wider community, including their beliefs, traditions, culture, language and history.

Impact

Children at Rackenford Primary School will be informed about the principal world religions, other religious traditions and many world views.



- They will be able to challenge prejudices and injustices in the world and have a healthy tolerance and respect for different religions, beliefs, values and traditions, through exploring issues within and between faiths.
- They will understand the influence of faith and belief on individuals, societies, communities and cultures and the value of democracy in our own country to have views that are different.
- Children will develop their sense of identity and belonging, preparing them for life in an ever-changing world.