

## Religious Education at Foxmoor Primary School

The principal aims of Religious Education at Foxmoor enables our children to:

- Develop the knowledge and understanding of, and their ability to respond to, Christianity and the other principal religions represented in Great Britain.
- Explore issues within and between faiths to help pupils understand and respect different religions, beliefs, values and traditions, and understand the influence of those individuals, societies, communities and cultures. To consider questions of meaning and purpose in life.
- Learn about religious and ethical teaching, enabling pupils to make reasoned and informed judgements on religious and moral issues.
- Develop the pupils' sense of identity and belonging, preparing them for adult life as citizens in a plural society.
- Develop enquiry and response skills through the use of distinctive language, listening and empathy.
- Enable pupils to reflect on, analyse and evaluate their beliefs, values and practices and communicate their responses.

*RE has an important part to play as part of a broad, balanced and coherent curriculum to which all pupils are entitled. High quality learning experiences in RE are designed and provided by careful planning using the Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus. At both Key Stages, in line with the legal requirements, teachers will devote a majority of time teaching content related to exploring what it is like to be a Christian, Jew and Muslim. At key stage two, children will also explore Hinduism. Consideration of other religions and non-religious worldviews can occur at any key stage, as appropriate to the children's needs.*

The place of R.E in the school curriculum is an acknowledgement of the fact that religious beliefs and practices play an important role in the lives of many people worldwide and have done so throughout history. An understanding of religions can help children develop a better appreciation of themselves, the people around them and the world in which they live.

At Foxmoor Primary School Religious Education will:

- Enable pupils to explore questions about themselves, their relationships and their environment.
- Help them to explore the questions "What does it mean to be a human being?"

Provide a clear focus to reflect upon the values and beliefs which make them a unique and special human being.