Religious Education (RE) at Parkend

**Intent**

At Parkend Primary School, we believe that it is vital for all our pupils to be curious learn from and about religion, so that they can understand the world around them. Through Religious Education, pupils develop their knowledge of the world faiths, and their understanding and awareness of the beliefs, values and traditions of other individuals, societies, communities and cultures. We encourage our pupils to ask questions about the world and to reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences.

Religious Education is taught throughout the school in such a way as to reflect the overall aims, values, and philosophy of the school. At Parkend Primary, Religious Education plays an important role, along with all other curriculum areas, particularly PSHCE and British Values, in promoting the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of our children.

We use the agreed Gloucestershire Religious Education syllabus as the basis for our curriculum.

**Implementation**

The teaching of RE is blocked so that the children have access to a greater understanding of knowledge. As a small school we group the children into Reception; Year 1 and 2; Year 3 and 4; Year 5 and 6, so that progression of knowledge and understanding can be adapted to the curriculum requirements.

Our Vision and Values are incorporated into the teaching of RE, so that our children can understand that these are values for life and not just at school; we encourage the children to recognise the Vision and Values we promote throughout the world religions and in every day society.

At Parkend Primary there are no presumptions made as to the religious backgrounds and beliefs and values of the children and the staff. We value the religious background of all members of the school community and hope that this will encourage individuals to share their own experiences with others freely. All religions are treated with respect and sensitivity and we value the links, which are, and can be made between home, school, and the community. We acknowledge that each religion studied can contribute to the education of all our pupils. We promote teaching in Religious Education that stresses open enquiry and first-hand experiences wherever possible for both staff and children.
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The children at Parkend Primary enjoying learning lots about other religions and why people choose, or choose not to follow a religion. Through their R.E. learning, the children are able to make links between their own lives and those of others in their community and in the wider world. R.E. acts as a hub, therefore, between social aspects of learning, science and geography. Through R.E. our children are developing an understanding of other people’s cultures and ways of life, which they are then able to communicate to the wider community.
R.E. offers our children the means by which to understand how other people choose to live and to understand why they choose to live in that way. As such, R.E. is invaluable in an ever changing and shrinking world.