

## **Religious Education**

*That they may have life, life in all its fullness. ' John 10:10*

At Stockland C of E Primary Academy everyone matters. We strive to be an inclusive community. Our lives are enriched through the teaching of Christian Values to grow as global citizens in an ever-changing world. We believe that through Religion and World Views, pupils should be given the opportunity and encouragement to become worldwide citizens through the development of our Christian Values; respect, love, collaboration and kindness.

### **Intent**

The principal aim of teaching Religion is to explore different beliefs and the impact they have on people's lives, so that pupils can gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to consider questions raised by different religions, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living.

As our vision states, we wish for our children to grow as global citizens. This can only be achieved through providing an exciting and positive learning environment, in which the children's knowledge and understanding of religions is developed hand in hand with their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

### **Implementation**

Our Religion and World Views syllabus is based upon the Devon and Torbay Agree Syllabus. We follow a rolling program that ensures a balanced coverage of Christianity and other World Views.

The focus in KS1 is largely centred around Christianity and Judaism and Islam however as part of being a global citizen we look at the world religion calendar and have days that focus on celebrations such as Diwali and Ramadan. Children in KS2 focus on Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Humanism. Children have the opportunity to visit different places of worship, including our local parish church, Exeter cathedral and Exeter mosque. We provide the children with opportunities to ask questions each lesson. During each unit of Christianity teaching, our Priest-in-Charge is invited into school so the children can ask questions to further their learning and understanding. They enjoy hands-on experiences, such as making Christingles, baking Challah bread, celebrating the Chinese New Year and making Diwali lamps.

### **Impact**

We aim for children at Stockland C of E Primary Academy to develop spiritually, academically, emotionally, morally and socially. This enables them to reflect upon their own beliefs and see how these fits with others and develop respect and empathy for those who have different views to themselves so they can be global citizens and cope with the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of living in a rapidly changing, multicultural world.