



Religious Education at Danbury Park Community Primary School

At Danbury Park Community Primary School, we believe that children should have an understanding of the main world religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Hinduism. Children in Year 6 also study Humanism.

Religious Education (RE) is taught to all pupils from the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year 6. A mutual respect for those of different faiths and those who do not have a faith is nurtured as part of British Values. This is also a part of school assemblies (collective worship) when children have the opportunity to reflect on the world around them and develop a feeling of belonging within it. Children come together for assemblies, either as a whole school or as a Key Stage. A variety of themes is covered including British Values, the wonder of the world and building a sense of responsibility. The children sing songs that reflect these themes and being part of a community.

RE in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Children in EYFS are taught RE as part of 'People and Communities' within the area of 'Understanding of the World', looking at events that are important to them such as their first day at school and birthdays. Festivals that take place during the year such as Chinese New Year, Firework Night, Diwali, Christmas and Easter are discussed with the children. They record their ideas in a variety of ways including through mathematics, art and writing. They look at how everyone's lives are different in order to develop a sensitivity and respect for other people. The children perform as part of the autumn and Christmas celebration performances.

RE in Key Stage 1

Children in Key Stage 1 discuss objects, people and places that are important to them. They then relate these to the world's main religions, looking at artefacts, stories and pictures, responding through writing, art and drama. They take part in the autumn and Christmas performances, which enhance their understanding of these celebrations.

RE in Key Stage 2

Children in Key Stage 2 deepen their understanding of the main world religions. They identify and explain the important events and beliefs, the Holy books, places of worship and key figures within each religion, making comparisons between them. They watch video clips that feature people from a particular religion explaining their beliefs. Discussion and research are also used to find out information. The children enjoy questioning what they learn and continuing to relate it to their own experiences. They perform in the Christmas and Easter celebrations, making links with religions that have festivals at these times.

Links with the Community

We invite representatives from our local churches and community to join us from time to time for school assemblies, special occasions and some of our lessons.