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RE Curriculum Vision Statement

At Billingham South Community Primary School, children are taught about a range of religions. They will learn to respect and ask questions about different religions, traditions and cultures around the world. As per the Stockton Agreed Syllabus, children will learn primarily about Christianity but also about Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism and Judaism. It is acknowledged that many children may have a non-faith background and therefore non-faith views are built into the curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to reflect on their own beliefs and how they are similar but also differ to those of others. In order for children to be successful in RE, they must display the qualities of trust and happiness as they are guided to celebrate their individuality and enjoy learning about the cultures and beliefs of others.

The RE syllabus is locally agreed by SACRE council to reflect the demographic of the local authority. The syllabus aims to satisfy the following aims. Religious Education should help children to acquire knowledge and understanding of religion and develop the ability to make informed and reasoned judgements about Christianity and the other principal religions represented in Great Britain. Children should also develop an understanding of the influences of beliefs, values and traditions on individuals, communities, societies and cultures. Pupils should enhance their spiritual, moral, cultural and social development and develop a positive attitude towards other people, respecting their right to hold different beliefs from the pupils' own and towards living in a society of diverse religions. Finally, RE should aid children to respond with positive attitudes towards ethnic differences, cultural diversity and racial equality.

There is a focus to ensure that children are interested in, and enjoy, RE at Billingham South. That our children have an awareness of many religions and cultures from their own is imperative for them to fulfil the mantra 'hearts in Billingham, eyes on the world'.



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RE lessons include the use of religious artefacts, stories, videos and factual information. During religious education lessons, children are challenged to push themselves to think outside of their comfort zones and explore their skills, beliefs and ideas; asking questions at all times. RE is delivered in weekly blocks half termly in order to immerse children in their learning. Comparisons between different religions are encouraged and teaching throughout school is structured thematically to aid this.

As well as discrete RE lessons, there is a statutory national duty for children to complete a 'daily act of worship'. This includes assemblies, hymn practices and visiting speakers. At times of religious celebration, children are provided with opportunities to celebrate. Pupils undertake educational visits to places of worship during their time at Billingham South. Classes also receive visiting speakers, to help bring pupil's learning to life.

