

Harvills Hawthorn – RE Curriculum

Intent

The teaching of RE at Harvills Hawthorn, in line with the curriculum aims to enrich a child's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We believe that RE not only develops a child's being but also their thought processes, ability at making links and having the confidence to debate and/or discuss key topics.

We aim to provide a breadth of knowledge, prepare children for those puzzling questions and to heighten their empathy skills. Our purpose is to deliver these opportunities in engaging and challenging ways but to also embrace the children's similarities and differences.

Implementation

RE is taught in all year groups across the school, it is allocated 1 hour per week. Our RE Curriculum for Years 1-6 is based upon the Sandwell Syllabus which has been provided by SACRE. In order to meet the OFSTED requirements for Early Years, the Discovery RE Curriculum is implemented.

At Harvills Hawthorn we cover principal religions across all year groups: Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Judaism. We also focus on the non-religious belief Humanism during Years 3 and 5.

Our overall approach to teaching RE is based upon respect. We understand that as adults or children we do not all hold the same beliefs or opinions, however, it is about being open-minded, being sensitive to each other and understanding that we are all different. We teach the children through reading well known stories, fables and faith texts.

To enhance children's learning, we draw upon the children's own experiences of religion. Whether this be through celebrations, visiting places of worship or learning about it outside of school. Having the children direct and develop learning benefits their self-esteem and confidence.

RE as a subject still incorporates the Harvills Hawthorn way of learning. We ensure that all children are challenged, collaborative learning techniques are utilised and questioning is not only teacher led but also child led.

We also provide children with the opportunity to visit local places of worship and to experience Marsh Lane assemblies fortnightly.

Impact

Our school vision is "To be the very best that we can be." The teaching of RE supports our vision as we hope that by providing the children with the opportunity to celebrate themselves and equip them with a wealth of knowledge, skills and understanding it will have a positive impact in all areas of their learning. RE provides the children with the opportunity of interpreting, understanding, making connections, exploring and reflecting. We aim to feed and develop a child's curiosity.