

# RE

At Whinmoor St Paul's everything we do is underpinned at all times by the Christian ethos of valuing the individual and, in this way, we seek to fulfil the spiritual, physical and mental capabilities of every child – the future members of our society. These values permeate all aspects of life within school, from daily worship and behaviour, to our Golden Rules.

At Whinmoor St Paul's, Religious Education is taught in accordance with the revised Leeds and York Diocesan Syllabus 2022 and reflects the distinct and inclusive ethos of the Anglican church. The RE curriculum aims to support children in developing their thinking skills and their understanding of Christians and other worldviews. The teaching of RE is taught through an enquiry based approach and encourages cross-curricular links including; role-play, music, art, dance and Science. This helps children explore and investigate religions and beliefs in a logical way, developing their understanding and their ability to hold balanced and educated conversations about religions and worldviews. We focus on the language of knowledge and follow the three kinds of knowledge in RE:

- **Substantive Knowledge** – subject knowledge being studied and the behaviour and responses of people within traditions.
- **Ways of Knowing** – methods used to establish substantive knowledge e.g. looking at statistics, using historical sources, reading sacred texts or listening to voices within traditions.
- **Personal Knowledge** – includes the personal perspective or worldview of the pupil.

Our RE teaching is based on a multidisciplinary curriculum, which involves pupils looking at knowledge through different lenses e.g. theological, philosophical, ethical, social sciences and historic. Pupils are encouraged to consider the influence of interpretation, past events, different perspectives and powerful ideas. This allows our pupils to investigate difference/diversity, explore change and identity, as well as, gaining a rich and connected understanding of religions and worldviews.

Each class (Year 1 – Year 6) focusses learning about the Christian faith, with a special emphasis on Creation, Incarnation and Salvation across the school. Foundation Stage focus on Christians and other worldviews represented in the local community. We focus on Christians for at least 50% of study time, as well as, worldviews e.g.

- Key Stage 1 focus on Christians, as well as, Muslims and Jewish people.
- Key Stage 2 focus on Christians, as well as, Jewish people, Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs.

All pupils at Whinmoor St Paul's also learn from other religions and non-religious worldviews in thematic units.

At Whinmoor St Paul's we respect all faiths and no faiths and we believe that our quality Religious Education curriculum supports all our children as they develop their understanding of Christianity and worldviews. This understanding is essential to help our children make sense of the world we live in.

