

RE at St Agnes CE Primary School

At St Agnes CE Primary School, we provide an engaging and inspiring curriculum that promotes our core value of 'love to learn'. Based upon the needs of our children, families and the community, our curriculum aims to equip pupils in acquiring the cultural capital needed to flourish in education and beyond. We achieve this through a knowledge based and skills led approach, rich in language and vocabulary, supported through enriching experiences which allows all of our children to 'learn do well'. Pupils will leave St Agnes well prepared for the next stage of their education – enabling them to grow into active, responsible members of society 'living well together', in modern Britain.

Why we teach RE

St Agnes is CE primary school with Christian values at its heart. The community we serve is diverse and rich in faith. Therefore, RE is an integral part of our curriculum and school life. Our teaching of RE supports children in their understanding of the Christian faith alongside other world religions. This is supported by our whole school ethos and Peace Mala work. We aim to prepare children to 'live well together' as global citizens and to take the message of peace beyond St Agnes.

As a Manchester school, we follow the Manchester Agreed Syllabus, using the RE Today scheme as our approach. It ensures progression of learning throughout the school and follows a structure guided by key questions to encourage independent thinking.

Our scheme ensure coverage of the National Curriculum and extends our children beyond this minimum requirement.



Small Steps to Peace Project
Year 5
RE is embedded in the life of St Agnes

What RE looks like at St Agnes?

Pupils' books in RE provide an excellent record of their learning journey with a range of approaches and activities. Classroom displays, the school website and assemblies provide further evidence of the high quality outcomes of RE lessons. In our recent SIAMS inspection, it was found that 'Pupils have good knowledge of Christian beliefs and understand that their origins are in the Bible. They are able to make comparisons, highlight similarities and note differences between world faiths.'

Children at St Agnes live out the Christian values of our school as found in our Ofsted Inspection (2019):

'Pupils are self-confident and self-aware. They act responsibly and thoughtfully to improve their school and community.'

'Leaders and staff give pupils splendid opportunities to develop peace between local people. Pupils have developed a sophisticated grasp of the importance of peace for successful living.'

How we teach RE

At St Agnes, the whole school, from EYFS to Year 6, follow the RE Today scheme of work. This ensures a consistent approach and allows children to build on their knowledge and understanding each year. RE is taught weekly in all classes and is reinforced in a variety of ways across the curriculum. RE is embedded in school life through our values, collective worship and Peace Mala work.

Lesson take a variety of formats as children are encouraged to explore, reflect and discuss their own beliefs and the beliefs of others. Children's learning is recorded and expressed through talk, written

work and the arts.

Assessment is formative and on-going, informing teachers as to the next steps in learning. Lessons are planned to include all children and support them to achieve their potential.

All staff are supportive of the school ethos and values. Our scheme supports staff subject knowledge and high quality pedagogy.

Religious Education in English schools 2010
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190260/DCSF-00114-2010.pdf

SIAMS inspection 2018
<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/SIAMS-report-St-Agnes-CE-Longsight-April-2018.pdf>

RE makes '...makes a unique contribution to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and supports wider community cohesion.'
Religious Education in English schools 2010

"The good thing about RE is that it helps us understand our friends and our differences."

Aqib 6C