

Park Gate Religious Education Curriculum



At Park Gate we want our children to grow up with an awareness and understanding of the thoughts, beliefs and practices of the people within their community and across the world.

We want children to grow up to treat everyone with understanding, tolerance and respect and we value first hand experiences and visitors. Opportunities to link our Religious Education curriculum to British Values are actively taken.

Our Religious Education curriculum has been carefully planned with mainly discrete units of work and weaved into our integrated projects where appropriate, enabling and inspiring children to progressively grow their knowledge and skills. We follow *Living Difference IV*, which is the agreed syllabus for Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

The Religious Education curriculum at Park Gate predominantly focusses on the Christian religion, which the children study every term and three other world religions which are studied by different age groups. At Park Gate we cover Christianity and the Jewish faith at Foundation Stage and KS1- Christianity and an Abrahamic faith. At KS2 we cover Christianity and the Hindu faith in Years 3 and 4 – Christianity and a Dharmic religion. Years 5 and 6 cover Christianity and Islam – Christianity and an Abrahamic religion.

Each unit follows a 'Cycle of Enquiry', usually starting with the children's own experiences and follows through the following steps; Communicate, Apply, Inquire, Contextualise and Evaluate.

Now immerse yourself in our Religious Education curriculum by taking a journey through some of the units taught at Park Gate Primary School..

Step into Early Years and you will see children exploring their world, celebrating special times and enjoying celebrations, for example, Chinese New Year. Children look at Christian traditions such as Christmas as well as a Jewish tradition. If there are children from other traditions aspects of their traditions are often included too.

Moving down the corridor to Year 1, you will see the children exploring Christianity through Harvest and Jesus' Birthday and Year 2 will be investigating the Christmas Journey and events in the Life of Jesus. Judaism is also introduced in Key Stage 1 with units focusing on Jewish home life and Passover.

Visiting Years 3 and 4 you will see the Religious Education Curriculum planned around Christianity and Hinduism, with Year 3 reflecting on Changing Emotions at Easter and Year 4 studying Creation.

Across the hall in Year 5 and 6 Christianity and Islam become the focus. The older children explore Islam because it is considered to hold more complex and abstract concepts with units such as Community (Umma) and Belonging in the life of being a Muslim explored with the children.

Running throughout all our RE are the Golden Threads of Belonging, Community, Love and Special. One of these is studied in Year R, two in Year 1 and the other two in Year 2. This is repeated in lower KS2 and upper KS2, with the nuances of the concepts/words being developed.

If you would like to find out more please read our long-term overviews.

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