

Intent

At The Beacon Centre's Primary School, Religious Education lessons encourage pupils to learn about religious and non-religious worldviews. Pupils are encouraged to ask challenging questions about meaning and purpose in life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human.

Adults are role models with the aim of enabling our children to express their insights and to agree or disagree respectfully. We live in a multi-cultural community and believe that Religious Education is central to good local, national and global citizenship. While delivering our Religious Education curriculum all staff uphold British Values and support the view that respecting the faith, beliefs and opinions of others fosters a culture of tolerance and freedom for all views to be expressed

Implementation

At The Beacon Centre's Primary School we follow the agreed syllabus for South Tyneside's Religious Education which:

- offers opportunities for personal reflection and pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development as it encourages pupils to examine the significance of their learning in relation to themselves and others.
- enables pupils to explore their own beliefs (whether they are religious or not), ideas, feelings, experiences and values in the light of what they learn.
- encourages empathy and respect.
- enables pupils to develop their own sense of identity and belonging.
- promotes respect for the right of others to hold different beliefs, values and ideas.
- develops an aptitude for dialogue so that they can participate positively in our society with its diverse religious and non-religious worldviews.
- enables pupils to have a nuanced and informed understanding of political, social and moral issues that they will need to face as they grow up in an increasingly globalised world.
- helps pupils deal positively with controversial issues, to manage strongly held differences of belief and to challenge stereotypes and prejudice.

Through artefacts, enrichment visits and visitors we encourage our pupils to learn to interpret, analyse, evaluate and critically respond to the claims that religious and non-religious worldviews make.

Impact

At The Beacon Centre Primary School, we seek to ensure that all pupils in our school are educated to develop spiritually, academically, emotionally and morally to enable them to better understand themselves and others and to cope with the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of living in a rapidly changing, multicultural world. Celebration assemblies and celebrations of religious and non-religious festivals and events, implemented alongside R.E. lessons, will help to celebrate the diversity of the wider community in South Tyneside, including their beliefs, traditions, culture, language and history.