

	With God we grow to live life in all its fullness	
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Spirituality at Feckenham Church of England Primary School

As a school with a distinctive Christian vision we want our pupils to experience and acknowledge moments, events and relationships that help them grow an understanding of who they are, why they are here and appreciate the wondrous world we have been gifted by God.

Growing an understanding of spirituality will be part of the whole school experience and permeates through lessons, free times and special events.

Spiritual Capacities in a Christian Context

- ***Be self-aware and learn to empathise with the experience of others as relationship deepen and an understanding of interdependence grows.***

'Now that I your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.' John 13 v14 & 15

Aim: Our children will experience the Bible's teaching that they are loved unconditionally by God. Through a focus on values such as dignity, compassion, friendship and community, they will be offered opportunities to imagine what it is like to 'walk in another person's shoes' so they can appreciate that as fellow human beings we all have intrinsic value no matter what our beliefs, backgrounds or cultures.

British Values- Mutual respect and Tolerance

- **Be guided by their beliefs and values and be willing to take a stand to defend them.**

'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.' Ephesians 6 v14 & 15

Aim: Our children will learn that although full of love and compassion for the friendless or marginalised, Jesus was also courageous and uncompromising when he needed to be. Through a focus on Christian values such as courage, respect, perseverance and justice pupils will be given opportunities to reflect on their own developing beliefs and opinions. Honing their skills in advocacy they will be given the opportunity to find out about people past and present who have stood up for their principles and transformed society.

British Values: Democracy, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance, Rule of Law

- **Love themselves, care for themselves, believe in their potential to achieve and find inner strength and resilience when facing challenges**

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1 v9

Aim: Our children will experience a range of different ways of praying and in doing so will understand that they can ask God for strength and courage in the face of any challenge that they might be experiencing,

Through a focus on Christian values such as trust, perseverance, hope and peace they will develop a habit of reflecting on what they can learn through times of struggle as well as success.

British Values: Individual liberty

- **Exercise imagination and creativity, appreciate beauty in the world and be alive to experiences of awe and wonder.**

'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'

Psalms 139.14

Aim: Our children will learn about the Christian belief in the creator God and that, made in his likeness, each of us shares that creative potential. Through a focus on Christian values such as generosity, joy, thankfulness, courage and hope, children's innate capacity for wonder, imaginations and creative exploration of the natural world will be stimulated and developed.

British Values: Mutual respect

- **Be ready to say sorry when mistakes are made, to forgive themselves and to forgive others.**

'Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.'

Colossians 3.13

Aim: Our children will learn that nothing is beyond the scope of God's forgiveness. They will be helped to appreciate how Jesus made forgiveness possible for all people through his death and resurrection. Through a focus on Christian values such as hope, compassion, forgiveness and trust children will begin to understand what is involved in offering forgiveness to others and also being able to accept forgiveness from others.

British Values: Mutual Respect, Tolerance and Rule of Law

- **Be willing to take risks and to reflect, learn and grow following experiences of failure as well as success.**

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, 'I will give back half of my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!'

Luke 19v8

Aim: Our children will reflect on the person of Jesus who took huge risks to ensure he completed his mission which at first appeared to be complete failure yet ultimately was transformed into victory. Through a focus on Christian values such as courage, justice, hope, trust and truthfulness they will consider what might be sufficient reasons for taking risks in the light of what they have learned from past experiences.

British Values: Individual liberty

- **Demonstrate curiosity and open mindedness when exploring life's big questions.**

Phillip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law, the One the prophets foretold- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

'Can anything good come from Nazareth?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip.

Luke 9. 18-20

Aim: Our children will learn from Jesus' readiness to use questions to make people think, to challenge assumptions and enable them to come to their own conclusions. A focus on the Christian values of truth and wisdom will help children to look below the surface and the superficial in order to reveal new possibilities and avoid jumping to conclusions.

British Values: Democracy, Individual liberty, mutual respect, tolerance

- **Appreciate and be thankful for what is good in their lives and show generosity towards others.**

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'
2 Corinthians 9 v7

Aim: Our children will have opportunities to reflect on all that is good in life and appreciate this as God's 'gift' rather than an entitlement. Through a focus on Christian values such as thankfulness, generosity, justice, community and service they will better learn to appreciate what they have. They will grow in their understanding that for many millions of people in the world life is a struggle, and will engage in issues of justice, poverty and climate change.

British Values: democracy, mutual respect, individual liberty

- **Be intrigued by mystery and be open to an awareness of the transcendent in the whole of life.**

Jesus took Peter, John and James up on a mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white.
Luke 9 v28 & 29

Aim: Our children who begin school with a natural wisdom and wonder about creation will be offered opportunities to see God at work in all that he has made. They will learn that love cannot be understood in purely rational terms and therefore will recognise the significance of mystery when thinking and speaking of God. Through a focus on Christian values such as joy, respect and dignity they will build a language for appreciating the transcendent in the whole of life.

British Values: individual liberty

- **Be comfortable with stillness and silence and be open to engage in reflection/meditation/prayer**

'Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things'
2 Timothy 2 v7

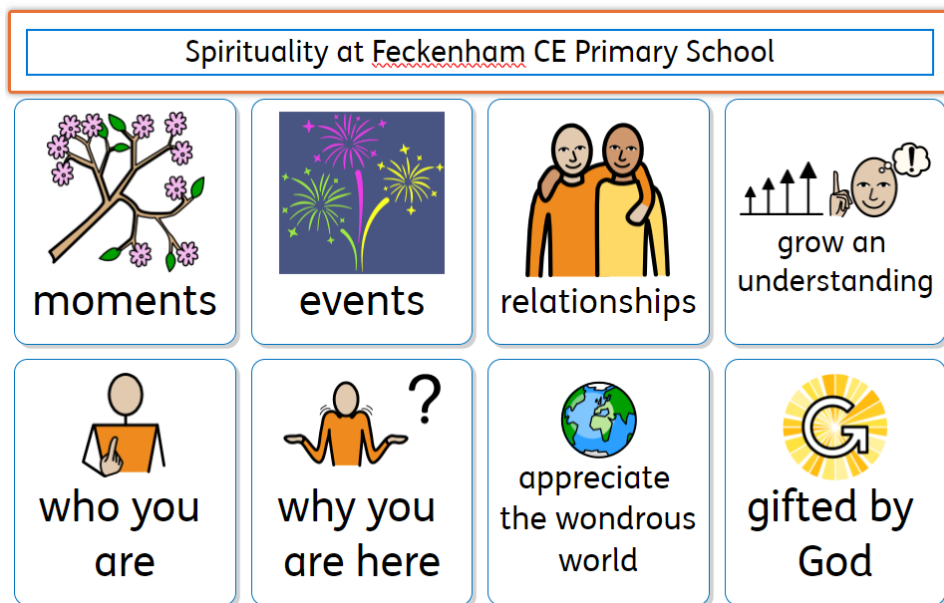
Aim: Our children will be given opportunities to spend time in mindful reflection, meditation and prayer. They will become familiar with stilling strategies to help them cultivate an inner calm and to prepare for prayer. Through focusing on Christian values such as wisdom, hope, joy and peace, they will be invited to reflect on things in their experience that they find puzzling or intriguing as well as some of the big questions of life.

British Values: individual liberty, mutual respect, tolerance democracy, rule of law

Spiritual opportunities are planned for in our medium-term plans across the curriculum but also anticipated as those moments that occur naturally. Both will not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

A class book to record moments that helped us think and understand our personal and /or shared spiritual journey is kept in each class and reflected on each half term.

Each classroom also has a widgited display of our spirituality statements, as below:



This is our simplified children's version to verbalise and understand spirituality as understand ourselves, others and events that bring us experiences and joy.



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This policy was reviewed in September 2023 and will be reviewed in September 2025 or earlier if necessary.