

INTENT

Our RE curriculum at East Park underpins all our school values – East Park 8. We intend for children to understand that religion and beliefs are the initial starting point for people's values. East Park is a diverse community and we intend for our children to understand and respect the differences between people's beliefs and to show this within our local community and the wider community of the world. We intend for children to develop moral awareness and understanding by exploring the concepts of religion and belief and their roles in the spiritual, moral and cultural lives of people in a diverse society. We strive for our children to become responsible citizens making decisions that show an understanding of moral and religious issues.

Our RE curriculum is designed to enable each pupil to:

- Explore the lives of people with different religions.
- Explore what inspires and influences them, expressing their views and beliefs and the views and beliefs of others
- Build a sense of identity and belonging within a diverse society
- Raise and suggest answers to questions of belonging, meaning, purpose, truth, values and commitment when thinking about religion
- Explain how religious beliefs and teaching influence moral values and behaviour

IMPLEMENTATION

At East Park Academy we are committed to teaching high quality RE lessons that meet our aims for each of our pupils. Our teaching of RE focuses on enabling children to build a sense of identify and belonging whilst respecting the identity of others. This learning begins in our Nursery and Reception classes with a learning environment that allows for children to ask questions about their surroundings and the people within it. In Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, children will have 18 hours of discrete taught sessions led by a specialist practitioner. The staircase-planning document identifies the key knowledge and skills for each term. They will be taught to understand and respect different religions by understanding:

- The beliefs and teachings
- Rituals, ceremonies and lifestyles
- How beliefs are expressed
- How to reflect and ask questions

- Values within our own lives

We encourage our children to think about their religion and beliefs as well as those of other throughout the school day and across all areas of the curriculum.

Cultural Capital

- Assemblies delivered by Reverend Gail
- Special events across faiths celebrated within school
- Guest speakers
- Faith Enrichment Week

IMPACT

The teaching of RE is of the highest quality at East Park. Children develop life-long knowledge and skills and are able to build strong relationship within a diverse community. Curriculum book and enrichment books reflect high quality outcomes. Children are able to demonstrate their understanding of beliefs with what they say and how they act. They are able to express their own beliefs and respect different beliefs whilst giving their opinion on the beliefs of others.

Through the teaching of RE, we foster an ethos of curiosity encouraging children to ask questions about one another. Our children understand the importance of RE and how it helps them to make ethical decisions throughout their life. RE helps children to learn about the different religions and beliefs that people have in the world we live in.