



## RE statement of Intent

The Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus for RE principle aim:

*'The principal aim of religious education is to explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live, so that pupils can gain the knowledge, understanding and skills need to hand questions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living.'*

At Churcham and Ashleworth Primary schools we make RE an enjoyable learning experience. We follow The Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus for RE with the aim for children to gain a deeper understanding of how the world is made up of different faiths and culture, whilst respecting these differences and being curious to find out more.

### How do we teach RE at Churcham and Ashleworth C of E Primary School?

*'Religious education contributes dynamically to children and young people's education in schools by provoking challenging questions about mean and purpose in life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human'*  
(The Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus for RE)

Within the lessons taught at the schools, there is a bias towards open discussion' The teacher will present an idea and children's understanding and responses are encouraged and developed through careful questioning by the teacher. No response is a bad response and children quickly become comfortable in expressing their views and asking questions to secure their comprehension wherever possible.

There are always questions that a teacher will find impossible to answer and when this happens, these are acknowledged, noted and addressed by the local church's representative at the end of each term.

The teacher's primary aim is to encourage acceptance of difference religious ideals whilst living and operating within the values of Christianity. To this end, our children have the opportunity to carry out research, experience visits and look for similarities between the main religions of the world and Christianity both locally and globally.

Children's continually developing understanding and ideas for a better world are expressed through art and written thoughtful and personal comment that is recorded and displayed in the class' RE Big Book. Children's ideas are also displayed on the class RE Working Wall.

### How do we assess RE?

Assessment is carried out at the end of each unit based upon verbal evidence of children's grasp of religious understanding and how this fits into the world around them.