



Religious Education

At Stephen Freeman School, Religious Education will:

- Adopt an enquiry-based approach as recommended by Ofsted, beginning with the children's own life experience.
- Provoke challenging questions about the meaning and purpose of life, beliefs, the self, and issues of right and wrong, commitment and belonging.
- Develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity, other principal religions, and religious traditions that examine these questions, fostering personal reflection and spiritual development.
- Encourage pupils to explore their own beliefs (religious or non-religious) as they examine issues of religious belief and faith and how these impact on personal, institutional and social ethics.
- Enable pupils to build their sense of identity and belonging, which helps them flourish within their communities and as citizens in a diverse society.
- Teach pupils to develop respect for others, including people with different faiths and beliefs, and help to challenge prejudice.
- Prompt pupils to consider their responsibilities to themselves and to others and to encourage empathy, generosity and compassion.
- Develop a sense of awe, wonder and mystery.
- Nurture the children's own spiritual development.