

with the School's loyalty to its caring, Christian foundation. Mellor St Mary Ce Primary have chosen to incorporate Islam and Judaism into our other faith teaching. The R.E. curriculum maintains a balanced approach of Learning about Religion (Attainment Target 1) & Learning from Religion (Attainment Target 2)

Fundamentals

(a) Christian emphasis

In Mellor St Mary CE Voluntary Aided School, the Religious Education provided is in conformity with the rites, practices and doctrines of the Church of England as laid down in the Trust Deed.

(b) R.E. plays a major part in promoting the Christian aims, values and ethos of the school as expressed in the Mission Statement.

(c) The school works from and follows the R.E. Syllabus produced by the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education.

(d) Time allocation – approximately 5% of curriculum time (about 40minutes to an hour) should be devoted to R.E. per week.

(e) Christian Emphasis – According to Diocesan guidelines, approximately 70% of the Curriculum Time for Religious Education should have a Christian Emphasis.

(f) Other faiths - We will study Judaism and Islam in a way that is meaningful to each year group, during the other 30% of the time.

(g) Collective worship should always enhance and show respect for our Christian faith, in an appropriate manner. Visitors, including local vicars and church members can be called upon to share their faith with the children both in worship, and as part of class RE lessons. Staff in our school are also encouraged to share their personal faith, and Christian experiences with the children either as part of worship, but often more importantly as part of everyday communications with the children. Worship and Religious Education may be linked together in practice, but are legally distinct.

(h) The links with local Churches. We have extremely close links with St Mary's Church and our vicar, clergy team and other church members are all regular visitors to school, often joining us in class, or in celebration worship. We have also close links with Blackburn Cathedral.

The Aims of R.E.

- Think theologically & explore great questions about life, death, meaning & purpose
- Reflect critically on the truth claims of Christianity.
- See how the truth of Christianity is relevant today & face the challenge of Jesus' teaching in a pluralist & post-modern society.
- Develop skills to handle Bible text.
- Recognise faith as a commitment to a particular way of understanding God & the world.
- Respond in terms of beliefs, commitments and ways of living.
- Develop a sense of themselves as significant, unique & precious .
- Experience the breadth & variety of Christian Community.
- Engage in thoughtful dialogue with other faiths & traditions.
- Become active citizens serving their neighbour.
- Find a reason for hope in a troubled world.