



"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

John 10:10

Intent

St Wilfrid's values of *love ~ joy ~ responsibility ~ creativity ~ respect ~ opportunity* are all threaded through every aspect of our school life.

At St. Wilfrid's we love one another,
show respect and accept responsibility.

Embracing opportunity and nurturing creativity
we share in the joy of Jesus.

Our principal aim is that children leave St. Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School with a wide range of happy and rich memories in RE; formed through interesting and exciting experiences driven through an engaging and comprehensive curriculum. This is the basis of knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, enabling them to develop a living and personal faith in Jesus Christ and allowing them to know and love God. RE is the foundation of the entire education process and permeates all areas of the curriculum and school life. Parents, family members, friends (of whatever faith) and parishioners will attend Masses and religious celebrations within both school and our Church and pupils will participate in parish activities outside of school time; promoting good links with the Parish of St Wilfrid's. Children, and their parents, will develop their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Sacraments. At St Wilfrid's, pupils will be prepared for life in a multi-faith society by fostering respect for and understanding of rich cultural diversity. In RE, children will develop the skills to make links and connections, engage and respond, analyse and evaluate using sources of evidence.

Implementation

"We need to provide an education which teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values." (Pope Francis)

We provide a Catholic curriculum, which is broad and balanced and teaches children to seek the deep principles of respect in all areas of learning. Religious Education is a core subject, but is at the centre of everything we do as a Catholic school and permeates through every aspect of the curriculum and school life. Formal RE is delivered through the scheme **The Way the Truth and the**

Life, which is followed according to the Shrewsbury Diocesan guidelines and implemented from Early years through to year 6, and supported by programmes for PSHE and 'Statements to Live By' for personal relationships. It contains systematic and rigorous teaching and learning. We firmly believe that the key to success is high quality, creative and inspiring first-wave teaching in RE, which is central to the life of our happy and caring school.

Each year group will study 6 units over the year. The units are developmental, building on previous knowledge, skills and experience and considering the children's age and understanding. The topics covered by each year group are as detailed on the curriculum overview. The units of work cover the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church and their implications for the lives of people today, and particularly for the lives of our children. Through the topics taught children are challenged to think about how they put the teachings of the church and Jesus into practise in their own daily lives. They are inspired to become critical thinkers and to reflect deeply upon their own faith journey. We ensure that this programme of study is enriched from EYFS through into KS2 with a developing variety of creative activities that include history, music, forest school, geography and art. Carefully designed schemes of learning in RE ensure consistency and progress for all learners. Children will be highly engaged in RE lessons through the use of a variety of resources such as religious stories, scripture, artefacts, religious artwork, songs, music, dance and religious signs and symbols. Pupils will participate in Mass, feast days, Holy days, daily collective worship, Reconciliation Services, liturgical singing which will involve religious actions and worship including the celebration of the sacraments.

Impact

Children are happy learners within RE. They experience a wide-ranging number of learning challenges in RE and know appropriate responses to them. Children of all abilities and backgrounds achieve well in RE, reflected in outstanding progress that reveal a clear learning journey. Children talk enthusiastically about their learning in RE and are eager to further their learning in the next stages of their education. Clear outcomes focus and guide all RE development plans and drive improvement. The children will grow to know and love God, develop their moral and spiritual nature and deepen their faith. Through studying other faiths children will develop an appreciation of the diverse world we live in and will become more tolerant of people. Children will know they are unique and made in the image of God; they will have understanding that we are all different but special and unique in our own way. Children will be able to define, describe and discuss areas of RE. They will confidently use skills such as retelling, describing, comparing, giving reasons, explaining the meaning of biblical stories and considering the impact of beliefs.