

What our children say...

"I like visiting our local church and finding out about the stained glass windows." - Age 7

"I like to hear all the different stories." - Age 5

"I like to hear about different points of view, we don't all have the same thoughts and that's okay." - Age 10

"I like to celebrate different traditions." - Age 8

Religious Education



What Religious Education looks like at Shotley Bridge

We follow the Durham Syllabus, enriched with Discovery RE across both KS1 and KS2. We strongly believe it is important for the children to learn about different religions and cultures. Our curriculum encourages our children to ask and reflect on subjects they may not usually think and talk about. Personal reflection plays a big role in the Discovery RE lessons where the children can express, explore and celebrate their own beliefs and opinions in a safe and supporting environment. RE also gives opportunity to learn about the value of beliefs of others, even if we may think differently. We continuously ensure that all of our children are set suitable learning challenges and are able to overcome potential barriers to learning so every single child can contribute to and learn in RE lessons. Our lessons vary from group activities, research projects, creating and individual activities. This allows for every learner to feel confident whilst learning RE.

Examples of Learning at Shotley Bridge

Here at SBPS, our children are introduced to the skill of reflection. This skill underpins our learning of Religious Education throughout the school.

In EYFS, our children learn through a playful environment to find out about religious festivals such as Christmas, Diwali, Chinese New Year and Easter.

In KS1 and KS2, our children have the opportunity to think about and answer big questions related to each RE topic. We enrich our curriculum with visitors such as our local reverend, and visits to religious places such as cathedrals and synagogues. This helps to support children in gaining a deeper understanding and respect of what different people believe and value.

We also celebrate Christmas and Easter every year, completing engaging activities.

Why is Religious Education important?

It is important for our pupils to learn to be respectful of both their own and others' beliefs & cultures. This helps make our school and community a fairer place for everybody, whatever their religion, culture, language or upbringing.

For pupils to be able to understand our constantly changing world, they need to be able to interpret religious events & evaluate their significance. RE provides our children with valuable insights into the diverse beliefs & views held by people today.