



## Ready, Steady Grow – to enjoy our learning journey together!

### RE Vision and Rationale

Our vision for RE comes from our school motto and vision for our pupils.

### Our Whole School Aims

**Ready** – Be ready to learn and ready for life

**Steady** – Develop confidence and resilience

**Grow** – Grow as a person, socially, emotionally and academically, exceeding our own expectations

### Our Values

After discussion with our pupils and staff, we have identified five core values, which underpin everything we do in school. These values are embodied by our school mascot, Barnabee the bee, a creature which works hard and as part of a close-knit team. Our values underpin everything we do in our school.



#### Be Respectful

We strive for our pupils to become positive members of the wider community, becoming strong advocates of tolerance and understanding to create a better society for all.

#### Be Kind

“Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated agent of human change.” Bob Kerrey

We teach our children to be kind, not only to other people, but to everything that lives as we really do believe that by doing so, we have the power to make great changes.



### **Be Honest**

"Honesty and integrity produce trust – trust in ourselves and in all those around us. Trust in turn produces confidence which we all need to conquer life's problems and which also encourages us to take risks in order to fulfil our goals." Jeff Durham

### **Be Determined**

At Sytcampton, we realise that talent alone is not enough to succeed in life and achieve your dreams. We encourage our children to work hard towards their goals and understand that overcoming challenges and barriers is the key to exceeding our own expectations.

### **Believe!**

We believe that the only person who can prevent you from achieving your dreams in life, is yourself. We have to expect great things of ourselves before we can do them and so we endeavour to instil self-belief and confidence in our pupils.

## **Religious Education At Sytcampton Endowed Primary School**

### **Why is RE important to us?**

The important thing about RE is that it promotes peace and understanding;

It educates us about the world we live in,

It prepares us for life beyond school,

It teaches us to question and probe,

It teaches us to challenge and advocate,

But the most important thing about RE is that it promotes peace and understanding

Religious Education is not about teaching children what to believe. It is about developing well informed, respectful young people with positive world views. We want our children to ask questions and wonder about religion as well as to explore and celebrate their own and other people's beliefs.

At Sytcampton Endowed Primary School, we believe pupils should be taught RE in order to help them to:

- acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity and the other principal religions represented in Great Britain
- develop positive attitudes towards other people, valuing and respecting differences
- to live harmoniously within a diverse society, developing moral courage and challenging intolerance

### **What do we teach in RE?**

In RE we aim to give children a grounded understanding of Christianity and the major world faiths. As the children progress through the school they will encounter different religions and world views in more detail. In **Key Stage One**, children will learn about **Christianity, Islam, Judaism and**



**Hinduism.** In **Key Stage Two**, children will revisit these religions as part of a spiral curriculum, and will delve deeper into more theological questions and issues.

**How do we teach RE?**

Children aim to answer a 'big question' linked to the faith(s) that they are studying. This will involve learning about the beliefs and practices of religions and reflecting on their personal response to the big question.

Religious Education at Sytcampton may be taught through Art, Drama, Storytelling and investigating artefacts. We try to ensure that children have the opportunity to visit places of worship for as many of the faiths taught as possible.

At Sytcampton, we believe it is important for children to consider their own ideas and world views when looking at different faiths whilst also gaining an understanding of how other people's beliefs may shape their lives. Through this, we enable our children to become confident, reflective, spiritual and morally aware people who can play a highly positive role in shaping modern Britain.