“The Christian ethos is at the heart of all we do in school and underpins all our aims.”
It is our aim that every member of our school community feels valued and respected and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. The school RE policy is designed to support the way in which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure.

WHY WE TEACH R.E

- To lead the children towards an understanding of their spirituality and to help them to absorb and acquire Christian values.
- To encourage and nurture respect for religious and moral values and tolerance of other races, religions and ways of life.
- To help pupils to -
  - Explore their own feelings
  - Ask and reflect on big questions
  - Examine convictions about the significance, meaning and purpose of life and about the world as a whole and ever changing global issues

THE AIMS OF OUR R.E TEACHING

For the whole school to be a living Christian Community; to learn from and about Jesus Christ -

- Where a Christian atmosphere and Christian values are fostered and actively taught
- Where a peaceful, loving, mutually supportive environment underpins the working day and the Christian values of helping, caring and sharing are evident so that LOVE can be seen in ACTION.
- The need to look after those who are less fortunate
- The need to care for the world re: “The Prayer of St Teresa” as used in our Eucharist “Christ has no hands but yours”.
- Which pursues excellence in recognition that “what we are is God’s gift to us and what we become is our gift to God

Through our multi-cultural work, to help the children to understand that:
- People all over the world share a spirituality which is manifest in all different world religions
That comparisons can be made between religions and similarities identified.

HOW WE PLAN OUR R.E TEACHING

- Use the Understanding Christianity Materials
- Use the Rotherham Agreed syllabus
- Discuss with staff to agree what should be taught in each year group
- Attend training and take account of local and national initiatives and updates

LINK OPPORTUNITIES

- Our children visit churches and places of worship both here in and contrasting localities which links with other work as required, for example, by the Geography P.O.S. (Youlgreave and Whitby)
- Members of other churches and other faiths sometimes take assemblies eg Open the Book, Hope City Church
- Children are invited to participate in activities offered by the local churches. For example:
  - Sunday School at All Saints
  - Shine club and Flare Clubs—activities for 8-11 year olds and teenagers once a month
  - King’s Club (Methodist)
  - Some church services are held in school during the year
  - Christian organisations such as Girl’s Brigade and Boy’s Brigade
  - Messy Church takes place in school once a month and is led by members of All Saints Church
  - During special festivals, eg Christmas, children go into the local community to take part in activities, such as carol singing, nativity readings at the local library and local care homes

The school Christian community tries to support various charities linked to children in school as well as other charities such as Christian Aid. The Year Four children take part in the Arch Bishop of York’s Young leaders Award which encourages them to put Christian belief into action in the local and wider community.

RESOURCES

- Class sets of Bibles including Good News Bible, Lion Children’s Bibles, the Lion Graphic Bible
- An R.E. reference section in the library
- Multi-faith books
- Music
- Artefacts (multi-faith)
- Various online resources eg BBC Class clips
See also –

- Understanding Christianity materials
- Rotherham Agreed Syllabus
- Whole school plan for teaching other faiths
- Rationale statement
- Worship Policy

Signed…………………………………  Date………………………….