

The RE Curriculum

'RE is not simply about gaining knowledge and understanding about religious and non-religious worldviews. It also helps pupils to develop their own worldviews – their own understanding of the world and how to live, in the light of their learning, developing their understanding, skills and attitudes'. - Shropshire Agreed Syllabus 2021.

At Pontesbury CE Primary School, we follow the Shropshire Agreed Syllabus. Throughout this academic year, we will be implementing the requirements of the new 2021 Shropshire Agreed Syllabus into our long-term and medium-term planning for Religious Education. We also make use of the Understanding Christianity resources to aid us in the delivery of lessons focusing on Christianity.

The Shropshire Agreed Syllabus for RE:

- Is designed to support schools in developing and delivering excellence in RE
- Asserts the importance and value of religious education (RE) for all pupils, with on-going benefits for an open, articulate and understanding society
- Supports the teaching of National Curriculum 2014 objectives
- Requires all pupils to learn about Christianity in each key stage
- Helps children develop an understanding of the principle religions of the UK
- Provides children with opportunities to explore other, non-religious, worldviews
- Helps children to examine and explain how and why people express their beliefs in diverse ways
- Uses systematic units which allow children to study one religion at a time
- Uses three core elements, which are woven together to provide breadth and balance within teaching and learning about religions and beliefs. These three core elements are:
 - Making sense of beliefs
 - Making connections
 - Understanding the impact
- Provides children with opportunities to explore possible connections between the ideas studied and their own ways of understanding the world

Further opportunities for Religious Education include:

- Participation in Collective Worship assemblies led by teachers, the vicar and representatives from St George's Church (Open the Book).
- Taking part in reflective assemblies held at special times of the year such as Christmas, Harvest and Easter
- Year 6 participate in the Archbishop's Young Leaders award.