

Religious Education Curriculum Intent Statement

Religious Education has a fundamental part to play in the education of every child at Maidensbridge. We believe that it is an essential area of study which helps ensure our children are well prepared for life in a world there are a multitude of viewpoints. We want our children to enjoy RE and develop resilient responses to misunderstandings, stereotyping and division. We strive to do our best and to support all children to develop an understanding of the place that religion plays in people's lives. We want our pupils to:

- Learn from different religions and beliefs.
- Be free to make their own choices and decisions concerning religion and belief. RE does not try to persuade but rather to inform and develop the skills with which evaluation can take place.
- Share their knowledge and experience with others.
- Revisit the different religions to build on the knowledge they already have.
- Embrace diversity and create a learning journey that leaves lasting memories.
- We want to offer the children a place where difficult or 'risky' questions can be tackled within a safe but challenging context.
- To enjoy all learning about a range of unique religions and have exposure to a range of different cultures. Therefore, we encourage learning about religious experiences, such as, visiting the local church, meeting religious speakers and handling real artefacts, learning through stories and drama where possible.