RE at Newtown Community Primary School

Excellence in Learning for Excellence in Life



Intent: What we want for children at Newtown

Our world is diverse, our country is diverse, and our town is diverse. Because of this, teaching about diversity at Newtown is one of our main priorities. We are very lucky at Newtown Primary School to have a variety of religions, cultures represented within our school. Our community is vibrant and is home to families who speak many languages and have many different beliefs. At Newtown we capitalise on this by routinely providing opportunities to learn about religion. Children routinely enjoy sharing about their beliefs with their classmates, and differences are celebrated daily.

Understanding religion is taught in many ways at our school:

- Through global citizen class assemblies. Our global citizen assembly programme is specially designed to represent all the nationalities within our school. Children learn about many different countries and the language and religion that is important to that community of people.
- Through our 'MYE' curriculum. as part of our Me, You and Everything else curriculum, children learn about cultural differences and religious celebrations.
- By learning about the core British Values that exist and understanding what it means to show 'tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.'
- By exploring 'protected characteristics' and knowing that discrimination of any kind against a 'religion or belief' is against the law.
- Through our RE focused term, where each class deepens their understanding of a particular religion and build on their existing knowledge of Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism and Hinduism.
- Through art by exploring the many artistic practises that happen in religious festivals.