



Horwich Parish CE Primary School

5 Minute Subject Leader update briefing for Staff

Subject Area: RE

INTENT:

At Horwich Parish, we intend to offer a broad and rich RE curriculum, which will

- enable pupils to know about and understand Christianity as a living faith that influences the lives of people worldwide and as the religion that has most shaped British culture and heritage.
- enable pupils to know and understand about other major world religions and world views, their impact on society, culture and the wider world, enabling pupils to express ideas and insights.
- contribute to the development of pupils' own spiritual/philosophical convictions, exploring and enriching their own beliefs and values.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The whole of the Manchester diocese scheme has been taught for the first time this year. RE is taught in a variety of different ways with as many first hand experiences as possible to enhance the learning. Some units have been taught remotely during lockdown. On reflection, some units need tweaking, content or when they are taught during the year and this are being reviewed by FM, AB and ARN in preparation for the new academic year.
- Links with Holy Trinity- An overview document of these first hand experiences has been produced to show when every year group has either a visit to church or a visitor from church each year as part of one of the RE units they are covering.
- A calendar of key Religious Festivals/ celebrations has been compiled to ensure the pupils have experience of other world faiths and views. Some festivals are covered during RE units in particular year groups and others are experienced as a whole school during worship or special themed days. A list of visits to places of worship and visitors from other world faiths has also been put together to ensure pupils have first-hand experiences during their RE lessons.
- Special themed days or weeks, e.g Spirituality week, give every pupil different opportunities and experiences linked to exploring their own spiritual development.
COVID has hampered our plans for visits and visitors this year but they will happen when restrictions allow.

IMPACT:

- Pupils are enjoying the RE curriculum, experiencing high quality teaching and learning in all units. Many of the pupils are working at an expected level at their stage in their school career.
- Pupils are developing a clear understanding of the Christian faith, and acknowledge our close links with our local church and the people who worship there.
- Regular assemblies and celebrations of learning are helping to celebrate the diversity of the school community and promote positive images of people in the wider community, including their beliefs, traditions, culture, language and history.
- Spirituality week gave pupils time and space to further explore prayer.

CPD undertaken by staff:

All teaching staff have been involved in and contributed to updating the SES. We concentrated on the RE curriculum during the staff meeting (5.5.21) and discussions will be included in the RE section of the SES (section 7)

Future actions

Arrange a date with Rev. Nicola for Reception to visit church before the end of the Summer Term.
Share the completed SES with the whole staff in the Autumn Term.

Report by: Fiona McEwan