



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL
“Realising the potential of every child within a caring, Christian community”

RE Intent Statement

As a Church of England School, Religious Education (RE) is very much at the heart of what we do. It is our intent that children will develop their understanding of Christianity and other world faiths, particularly those practiced within our school community. Pupils will leave St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Junior School with a broad understanding of a range of topics and understand how members of a faith might view the same topic differently while still respecting each other’s viewpoints, giving them a greater moral, cultural and spiritual understanding.

We intend for pupils to learn to be critical thinkers, challenging themselves and others to really get to the heart of their reasoning and be unafraid to encounter challenging topics. Pupils will be able to consider their own beliefs, contrasting them with the beliefs of others, which will deepen their personal understanding of the world around them.

Above all, our intent within RE is that our pupils will become more well-rounded, deep-thinking and empathetic to the views held by others.

We believe that true harmony comes not from thinking the same as others, but from learning to understand, empathise with and respect others while remaining steadfast in our own beliefs and principles. Our RE lessons, which also feed into our Christian Character Values as a school, aim to grow children’s sense of their own spirituality, values and understanding of life’s “Big Questions” within a safe environment where children are encouraged to dig deeper and broaden their theological understanding.

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