

Selby Community Primary School Child- Friendly R.E. Policy

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What is R.E. at our school?

R.E. is Religious Education, which means learning about many of the different religions in the world, for example Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Humanism. We learn about special books, gods and goddesses, beliefs, ways of worshipping, ceremonies, clothes and food. It is an important subject because in our rights respecting school we respect people from all countries and religions, and it helps us to know more about different beliefs so that we can make up our own minds. We also respect people who chose not to believe in a god.

These are the best ways of learning in R.E. , in our opinions:

- **Visiting places of worship.** for example a church or the abbey in Selby, or a Hindu Mandir or Sikh Gurdwara in Bradford. You never forget what you hear or see, for example your first view of a Hindu shrine, and these are not experiences that you would have with your family outside school. Also to visit another school where most of the children are Moslem, helps you to realise that all children have so much in common, because you might like just the same food and games.
- **Faith visitors coming in to school.** It is brilliant when for example a Moslem Imam takes an assembly with artefacts and videos, and children get chosen for dressing up. It's so different from learning from your usual teachers, because you know that the visitor lives that life and culture every day, and we are learning from their real experiences, they are the experts.
- **Hearing stories and about other peoples' customs, and re- enacting them** through
 - *drama eg. a nativity at Christmas or a Moslem wedding.
 - * building them with lego eg. the Bible story of the 'Feeding of the 5000.'
 - * dance eg. telling the story of Rama and Sita at Diwali with all the flowing, graceful movements of Hindu dance.
- **Thinking up our own questions** and then researching the answers ourselves- online or from books, or by interviewing a faith visitor.
- **Getting creative !** eg . painting and model-making.

