



St Mary's Church of England (A) Primary School.

Living, loving, learning in God's care.

Our School Vision and Mission

Vision Statement

Our St Mary's church school family lives by the life and teachings of Jesus. We provide a safe and loving environment, whilst aspiring for all children to achieve their full potential within God's care.

Mission Statement

O Lord, teach me how you want me to live! Psalm 86:11

This scripture verse reminds us that our Christian values underpin how we live and how we learn, through a unique and deep curriculum, grounded in God's love.

The school will put safety and wellbeing at the centre of everything we do. Through our vision, values and motto our mission is to:

- Develop the children academically, creatively and spiritually through a high quality, stimulating and memorable curriculum, that celebrates difference and values everyone
- Encourage each child's knowledge and skills, through experiences to reach their full potential and to instil a life-long love of learning
- Share our school with the church and community to further develop religious literacy
- Foster a deeper understanding of other faiths and cultures and encourage attitudes of tolerance, democracy and advocacy

Statement of Intent for Religious Education.

Intent

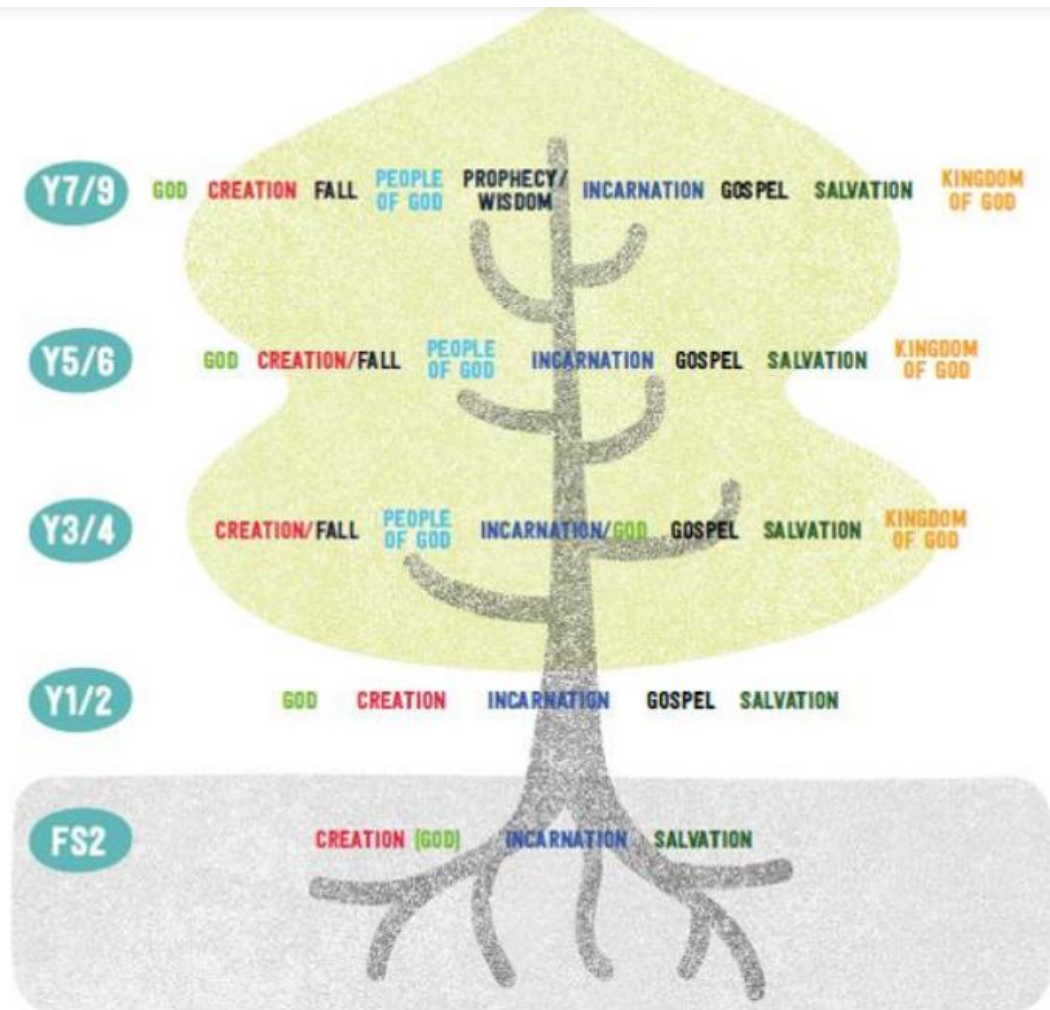
St Mary's is a Church of England school. The Christian faith is the core of everything we do, how we live, love and learn. Our Christian distinctiveness is evident throughout our school, through the school and people inside the school. The culture of our school is deep rooted in respect, tolerance and understanding. We have Christian values, such as kindness, gratitude, forgiveness, courage, thoughtfulness and perseverance that teach us how to blossom and grow into adults who will make a positive contribution to our global society.

The aim for all of the children in RE is -

- To provoke challenging questions and awe and wonder ideas about the meaning of life, God and the nature of morality and reality
- Develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity, other world religions namely - Judaism and the Islamic faith. To explore and develop an understanding of world views
- To encourage pupils to develop their sense of identity and belonging, in order to flourish in our church and local community, as responsible citizens by respecting and celebrating difference and challenging prejudice
- To prompt pupils to consider their responsibilities to themselves and others and explore how they may contribute to their wider world demonstrating our Christian and British values

Implementation

Our curriculum is shaped by our vision, which aims to enable all children regardless of background, ability or need, to flourish through a unique and deep curriculum and reach their full potential. We teach a high quality RE curriculum through Understanding Christianity (UC). Understanding Christianity ensures pupils are given the opportunity to become religiously literate. UC is based upon 7 core Christian concepts. Children will explore the different concepts in a range of rich, meaningful and inspiring activities (taught by the class teacher for one hour each week) as they move through the school from Foundation stage and developing a great depth of understanding by the time they reach Year 6. Concepts explored in KS3 can provide excellent challenge and depth for the academically more able pupils.



Understanding Christianity believes that not only should children show an understanding of Biblical scripture but also demonstrate a deepened and more thoughtful approach to their learning and what it means for them in daily life. The teaching is based on a 3 step enquiry model of teaching.



Impact

By the time children leave St Mary's they will -

- Ask reflective questions and offer possible answers to challenging questions about the meaning of life, beliefs, nature of morality and reality
- Have a secure knowledge and understanding of the religions (their nature, truth and values) studied and use a cross curricular approach to support further RE learning
- To demonstrate respect, reverence and tolerance and an understanding of religions and beliefs
- Develop a strong sense of identity and belonging
- Have the ability to exemplify the school's Christian values in all aspects of life - that are rooted in the teachings of the Bible