

Southold Primary school is fully committed to providing a rich and varied R.E curriculum for its pupils.



Please read on to find out how we achieve this, how RE contributes to your child's general development and what you can do to help.

## Where can you go?

- ⇒ St Paul's Cathedral (Christian)
- ⇒ Westminster Cathedral (Roman Catholic)
- ⇒ Bevis Marks Synagogue (Jewish)
- ⇒ Neasden Temple (Hindu)
- ⇒ Central Gurwara London (Sikh)
- ⇒ The London Central Mosque (Muslim)
- ⇒ Buddhapadipa Temple Wimbledon (Buddhism)



## Religious Education at Southwold Primary School



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Why do we teach it?**

## Why do we teach Religious Education?

### RE benefits all children by:

- Developing pupils' knowledge and understanding of religions, religious traditions and other world views, including secular perspectives
- Offering opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual development
- Enhancing pupils' awareness of religions and beliefs, teachings, practices and forms of expression, as well as of the influence of religion on individuals, families, communities and cultures
- Encouraging pupils to develop their sense of identity and belonging
- Enabling them to flourish individually within their communities and as citizens of the global community
- Playing an important role in preparing pupils for adult life, employment and lifelong learning
- Enabling pupils to develop respect for and sensitivity to others, in particular those whose faiths and beliefs are different from their own and so helps to combat prejudice.

## What do we teach during R.E?

The content of our Religious Education lessons is based on the **Hackney Schools Agreed Curriculum for Religious Education (SACRE)** document, which can be found on the Hackney Learning Trust website.



We build children's subject knowledge of **all principal religions**. This is to give our pupils as broad a view of the world as possible. However, R.E also provides opportunities for children to reflect on their own views and opinions and to consider those of others. In this way it is closely linked to a child's general **social and emotional development**.

## What can you do to help?

There are lots of ways you can support your child's understanding of different religions. Here are a few ideas:

- Visit different places of worship around London.
- Use the library to find relevant children's books: creation stories, parables, myths and legends; stories of heroic people; information books about festivals and religions.
- Find out more about the community you live in (with your child). What clubs, religious groups and

local action groups exist. Talk about how and why they are different.

