## St Giles' & St George's C of E Academy

As God's children we aspire, believe and achieve to be the very best we can be.

## Flourishing in RE: Developing Spirituality

As a school, our main aim is to develop the whole child, enabling all pupils to aspire, believe and achieve in mind, body, heart and spirit. This year, a focus of ours is developing spirituality of all pupils, in all aspects of their school life.

Our newly designed Spirituality Curriculum provides pupils with the opportunity to ask and discuss questions about the world around them. We encourgage pupils to tackle those big questions that they may have whilst in a safe place. We believe it is important that our pupils understand that religion is fluid, it is complex and it is diverse. RE and Oracy sessions allow pupils to encounter a range of religions and beliefs in an active and inclusive way. We have already seen the impact of this in our pupils, not just in those lessons, but across the curriculum. Pupils are starting to challenge ideas and teachings in subjects such as Science, showing their own spiritual belief and understanding of our divserse world today.

In RE, each unit explores religion through engagement, investigation and expression lessons. At the start of each unit, pupils are presented with a 'big question' and relating images. In order to develop curiosity of the mind, we ask children to explore this question through the sentence stems of 'I think...I see...I wonder'. This approach is helping pupils to make links to previous learning, key theological ideas and their own beliefs, whilst raising questions about religion. Each unit ends with an evaluation lesson where children summarise their learning, looking inward and outward, helping them to reflect on their own beliefs too.

We believe that this approach will help to develop curiousty and allow all of our pupils to flourish as individuals.





