

# RE at Mereworth

## What Do We Learn About at Mereworth?

Our Religious Education (RE) curriculum is based on the Kent Scheme. Children learn about some of the world's main religions, with Christianity having a larger weighting, time-wise. Many themes are explored, such as special places of worship, special journeys, special people, symbols, belonging, the community, celebrations and festivals. We have recently developed our Key Stage 2 scheme to include some extra units. These include 'Influential People' in Year 3, 'Buddhism' in Year 4 and 'Peace' in Year 5.



## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education

All schools in England are required to show how well their pupils develop in SMSC. We are truly committed at Mereworth to providing children the opportunity to develop personal skills and attributes that will serve them well in life. SMSC strands run through all aspects of school life, from our Values Based Education, to specific subject areas; RE provides an obvious platform upon which to develop SMSC. Through learning about different cultures and religions, we can build understanding and acceptance of others and we use religious stories to provoke children's responses to moral issues. RE is one of many ways to enhance children's creative thinking, their questioning skills, their sense of awe and wonder, and to ponder life's non-material aspects, such as meaning and purpose.



## RE and the Wider Curriculum

Where possible, we like to link RE with other aspects of the curriculum. This enhances the enjoyment of RE for children and enables us to appeal to a range of learning styles. Reading, writing, drama, art, food technology, music and history all lend themselves brilliantly to learning about different religions and cultures. For example, children might act out the story of Rama and Sita, paint watercolour landscapes featuring beautiful mosques, make up their own version of the Seder plate, or write their own set of wedding vows!



## Exciting Learning Opportunities

In order to enhance our RE curriculum further, we often include activities with a twist. Every year, Year 6 hold a Sikh Langar (just like those held in the Gurdwara) and fill the school with the smell of delicious spices, as they hand out free vegetarian meals! And in Year 1 earlier in the year, Reverend Dickin even performed a marriage service for Mere-Bunny!

## We Need You!

If you belong to a religious group, engage in religious activities or simply enjoy learning about religions, cultures and traditions and would like to get involved with RE at Mereworth, please get in touch via the school office. We would love to have speakers in class or assemblies, or you could help run practical workshops.

