

Spiritual Capacities

Spiritual Capacity:

Be self-aware and learn to empathise with the experience of others as relationships deepen and an understanding of interdependence grows.

Aim:

Through our school values and half-termly focus in collective worship on values such as compassion, friendship, dignity, justice and community, pupils will be offered opportunities to imagine what it means to walk in the shoes of another, recognising their intrinsic value and acting toward them with the respect that stems from a deep awareness of their dignity as a fellow human beings.

Spiritual Capacity:

Be guided by their beliefs and values and be willing to take a stand to defend them.

Aim:

Our children will learn through a focus on courage, respect, perseverance and justice and pupils will be given opportunities to reflect on their own developing beliefs and opinions. They will be able to hone their skills of advocacy, taking inspiration from other individuals past and present who, by standing up for their principles, have transformed society.

Spiritual Capacity:

Love themselves, care for themselves, believe in their potential to achieve and find inner strength and resilience when facing challenges.

Aim:

Our children will experience a range of different ways they can find strength and courage in the face of any challenge that they might be experiencing. Through a focus on trust, perseverance, hope and peace they will develop a habit of reflecting on what they can learn through times of struggle as well as success.

Spiritual Capacity:

Exercise imagination and creativity, appreciate beauty in the world and be alive to experiences of awe and wonder.

Aim:

Through a focus on values such as generosity, joy, thankfulness, courage and hope children's innate capacity for wonder, imagination and creative exploration of the natural world will be stimulated and developed.

Spiritual Capacity:

Be intrigued by mystery and be open to an awareness of the transcendent in the whole of life.

Aim:

Our children, who begin school with a natural wisdom and wonder about creation will be offered opportunities to learn that love cannot be understood in purely rational terms and therefore will recognise the significance of mystery. Through a focus on values such as joy, respect and dignity they will build a 'language' for appreciating the transcendent in the whole of life.

Spiritual Capacity:

Be comfortable with stillness and silence and be open to engage in reflection/meditation or prayer where individuals choose to.

Aim:

Our children will be given opportunities to spend time in mindful reflection, meditation and prayer should they make that choice as individuals. They will become familiar with stilling strategies to help them cultivate an inner calm and to prepare for prayer. Through focusing on values such as wisdom, hope, joy and peace, they will be invited to reflect on things in their experience that they find puzzling or intriguing as well as some of the big questions of life.

Spiritual Capacity:

Be ready to say sorry when mistakes are made, to forgive themselves and to forgive others.

Aim:

Our children will learn that it is important to be forgiving of others and of themselves. Through a focus on values such as hope, compassion, forgiveness and trust children will begin to understand what is involved in offering forgiveness to others and also being able to accept forgiveness from others.

Spiritual Capacity:

Be willing to take risks and to reflect, learn and grow following experiences of failure as well as success.

Aim:

Our children will reflect on people who take huge risks to ensure mission, which at first appear to be a complete failure, ultimately was transformed into victory. Through a focus on values such as courage, justice, hope, trust and truthfulness they will consider what might be sufficient reasons for taking risks in the light of what they have learned from past experiences.

Spiritual Capacity:

Demonstrate curiosity and open mindedness when exploring life's big questions.

Aim:

Our children will learn to use questions to make people think, to challenge assumptions and enable them to come to their own conclusions. A focus on the values of truth and wisdom will help children

look below the surface and the superficial in order to reveal new possibilities and avoid jumping to conclusions.

Spiritual Capacity:

Appreciate and be thankful for what is good in their lives and show generosity towards others.

Aim:

Our children will have opportunities to reflect on all that is good in life and appreciate this as a 'gift' rather than our entitlement. Through a focus on Christian values such as thankfulness, generosity, justice, community and service they will better learn to appreciate what they have. They will grow in their understanding that for many millions of people in the world life is a struggle, and will engage with issues of justice, poverty and climate change.