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Soaring to success

## R.E Early Years

At Kentmere we introduce RE into the Foundation Stage through play-based and child centered approaches, which encourages the learning to follow where the children's interest and curiosities lead. Using the big questions from the Rochdale Agreed syllabus Framework we enable children to develop a positive understanding of themselves, and others by identifying what makes people special. For example, people in the community such as nurses, postmen, Reverends and Imams are invited into school, to share how their roles within our community have a positive impact on us. This enables the children to identify key qualities and behaviours that make someone special.

Different religions such as Christianity are introduced and compared to individual faiths of children within the classroom, this enables the children to gain an understanding of the differences of individuals and groups within their own immediate community. This then provides our children with the opportunity to develop their emerging moral and cultural awareness.

Throughout the year the children visit special places within the local community such as the local Church and Mosque where they are encouraged to investigate their surroundings and compare them with their own local places of worship, encouraging a better understanding of the similarities and differences of other cultures.

Quality texts from the bible and Qur'an are used to engage the children and ignite their interests. For example in the Spring the children learn about the Easter Story and from this activities like a Spring walk and Easter egg hunt are planned providing the children with the opportunity to identify the signs of new life growing within their own community as well as identifying the link between special signs and symbols within the Christian faith and what they represent.

### **Key questions asked throughout the year**

Which Stories are special and why?

Which people are special and why?

Which places are special and why?

Which times are special and why?

Where do we belong?

What is special about our world?