

RE Vision Statement.

At Bishop Tufnell Church of England Infant School, children are encouraged to gain a thirst for knowledge, understanding and awareness regarding the existence of God and what they choose to believe.

Children are to consider how Jesus and His teachings can permeate into their everyday lives and the lives of others whilst developing a strong sense of purpose and individuality for their own uniqueness.

Teaching staff aim to cultivate a deep respect and understanding of the different people around them and the common goals and values they share. Children are to become aware of the Bible as a special book, the life and teachings of Christ and how they can be equipped for a fuller quality of life now and in the future.

With the implementation of the updated curriculum and RE Scheme of Work, our dedicated staff are investing in the whole child by teaching them Christian values through curriculum subjects and by giving them opportunities to explore and ask questions about religion, equipping them to serve and love in the diverse communities in which we live.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children learn about Christianity including belief, faith and values. This includes daily participation in class and school worship (with various themes) and also through topics which include Christian Values, rules and routines, friendships, awe and wonder, Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter. Prayer, the Saint's, types of ministers, God's 'house', an introduction to the Bible and stories - Noah's Ark, The wedding at Cana, Jonah and the Big Fish, Moses, parables as well as considering

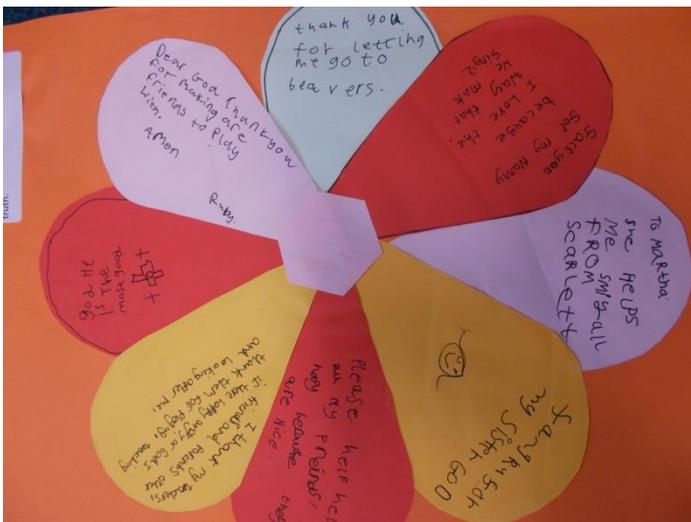
the beliefs of other people around the world may hold such as those in China and Australia.

In Year One, children continue to participate in daily Collective Worship, explore Christian Values, look more deeply into the Bible, miracles (feeding of the five thousand) stories and parables, reflecting on The Prodigal Son and Joseph. They participate in visiting places of worship, celebrate and ask questions about Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter, Palm Sunday, explore types of prayer, baptism, the Saint's, Angels, Advent and begin to make comparisons with other religions such as Hinduism.

In Year Two, children continue to participate in daily Collective Worship, continue to explore Christian Values in more depth and how these are put into practice in the wider community. Children engage in prayer spaces and reflect using thinking tables in their classrooms. Children visit the Chichester Cathedral and compare it with other places of worship. They explore and compare many features of Judaism with Christianity and study the Christian Festivals in more depth, for example asking questions and exploring their own thoughts about the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. Children in Year Two are encouraged to discuss how Christians celebrate Easter in more depth – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well as a deeper study of the Lord's Prayer.



Easter Craft Day – discussing the meaning behind the cross.



Prayer Spaces – Thankful flower – who are you thankful for?



'Be still and know' – In the Peaceful tent, reflecting on God's wonderful world.



Writing prayers about our hopes and dreams.



Creating medals for our Super Dads, based on the Lord's Prayer...
'Our Father in Heaven'.