



EYFS at Ely St John's Primary

Religious Education

Religious Education is not explicitly mentioned as part of the England EYFS curriculum. However, understanding people and their communities has an important role in the lives of young children, both at home and in the classroom.

RE in Early Years allows exploration of the world and responses to children's natural curiosity about things around them. Children learn through a multi-sensory approach, providing opportunities for them to learn and understand about themselves, others, and the world.

Early Years teaching at ESJ enables children to begin to identify their own uniqueness and that of others, and appreciate the differences and similarities they encounter in others. Through knowledge, skills and understanding, children should develop positive attitudes towards other people and their right to hold different beliefs.

The information below draws out specific links to the Cambridgeshire RE Agreed Syllabus that are found in our planning for the EYFS Areas of Learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; and Understanding the World.

We do not formally assess RE in the Early Years. Progress, engagement and attainment is noted in observations and recordings of whole class discussions.

Whole School Themes:

- Celebration/festival
- Our world around us
- Special places
- Substantive knowledge
- Important people
- Creation

Year Overview

Term	RE Theme	Linked EYFS Plan
Autumn 1	Celebration/festival: Harvest	Understanding the World
	Important people	PSED: Beginning & Belonging
Autumn 2	Celebration/festival: Winter Festivals (Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas, Hannukah)	Understanding the World, Literacy
	Our world around us/Important people: Remembrance Day	Understanding the World, Literacy
Spring 1	Our world around us Special Places	PSED: ME and My World PSED: Identities & Diversities Understanding the World Literacy
	Celebration/festival: Lunar New Year	Literacy
	Celebration/festival: Children's own experiences	PSED: Identity & Diversity
	Important people	PSED: Me and My World Literacy
Spring 2	Celebration/festival: Pancake Day, Easter, Ramadan (linked with Lent)	Understanding the World
Summer 1	Celebration/festival: Welcoming people to the family.	PSED: My Body & Growing Up Literacy
	Our world around us: Caring for our environment	Literacy PSED: Me and My World