



## The Meadow Community Primary School and Pre-School

### Curriculum position statements – **September 2023**

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##### Historical

Historically at the Meadow RE has been taught through standalone RE lessons and also through the use of celebration mornings. The idea of the celebration mornings was for each year group to teach about a significant event in the religious calendar at the time of the year it occurs. Whilst celebration mornings have been consistent across the school there has been a lack of consistency in teaching of RE units.

RE has been taught in a variety of ways across the school but the majority has been more practical for example through dance, drama or verbal discussion. There has been less focus on written recording of RE lessons. In 2018/19 there was an increase in recording of RE work with some year groups introducing books with photo evidence or written work in theme books.

In 2019/20 there was an increase in written work in books with most RE now being recorded in foundation subject/theme books. Teachers began to take more ownership of the planning and to make some changes.

In 2021/22 RE was being taught during each half term, using the agreed Leicestershire syllabus, with teachers being made aware that there would be a new curriculum used from 2022/23. Celebrations have been celebrated in school, with a focus mainly on Christian celebrations.

In 2022/23 the new Leicestershire syllabus has been introduced and implemented with all year groups teaching a full year of the units. I have checked in with staff at intervals and where possible we have tried to support each other with sharing resources and ideas.

I attended the course designed to support the Christianity aspects of the syllabus and this has been passed on to staff during staff meetings. Work is being recorded in books with 'RE' written in the margin to show the lesson.

A new celebration calendar was introduced to incorporate religions from the new syllabus.

##### Current

Knowledge organisers are being introduced across the school to support the teaching of RE. With the use of these we hope to ensure the RE curriculum is being taught concisely and that teachers are more confident in the delivery of their lessons.

We will be using the RE celebration calendar closely to ensure all religions are celebrated and respected across the school.

##### Future aspiration

I would like to ensure that the new Leicestershire Agreed Syllabus is being followed and an hour of RE is being taught confidently, using a range of different strategies, including recording in learning journals and verbal discussions.

Continuing with the aim to have more RE trips and visitors planned in to give children experience of religion in the wider community.

