



VERNHAM DEAN GILLUM'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

RE

Our Vision

At Vernham Dean Gillum's our Curriculum is at the heart of everything we do. It is underpinned by our Christian Values of Compassion, Courage and Creativity so that we can develop Compassionate, Courageous, Creative citizens of the future in God's love.

Our Curriculum offers a diet that is broad and balanced, purposeful to the children's lives and the world around them. The curriculum is relevant with lots of "real life" experiences to support the children in developing and deepening their vital knowledge, skills and understanding. It builds on their prior learning and ensures that they can make contextual links between different areas of the curriculum, concepts and subjects.

Christian Values

The 3 Cs: Compassion, Courage and Creativity

Compassion was chosen to reflect the love and empathy we have for each other as Jesus has in all of us.

Courage was chosen to reflect the courage of Jesus on the cross and how we need to embrace difficulties in our lives and work.

Creativity was chosen to reflect each of us being an individual and doing things our way just as Jesus did when helping others.

Learning Values

At Vernham Dean Gillum's we want every child to **SOAR**

Success for all

Ownership of our learning

Achievement and excellence for all

Resilient, risk takers

INTENT

As a Church of England School, the Christian faith is the foundations of everything that we do at Vernham Dean. In all learning and life experiences, we aim to fulfil our school vision (as above). We promote an environment where all children feel known, accepted, and valued as individuals, within a caring community, where our Christian faith affects not only what we teach, but also how we teach. We believe that it is fundamental for the children to belong to a safe and nurturing community, founded on strong Christian values where children will develop an array of skills that will enable them to make their own positive contribution to our global society.

During their time at Vernham Dean we want to develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity and other world religions. Through our Christian values we teach pupils to develop respect for others and their beliefs which helps to challenge prejudice.

IMPLEMENTATION

Our whole curriculum is shaped by our school vision.

"Religious education in a Church school should enable every child to flourish and to live life in all its fullness. (John 10:10). It will help educate for dignity and respect encouraging all to live well together" (Statement of Entitlement – The Church of England Education Office)

The statement lays out the details of coverage of the RE curriculum in church schools. We ensure that we fully meet the requirement of the statement of entitlement for Church schools.

Our RE teaching is informed by two different teaching schemes; Understanding Christianity and our locally agreed syllabus for Hampshire – Living Difference IV. By using these schemes alongside each other, we are ensuring children are given the opportunity to become religiously literate. Understanding Christianity is based upon seven core Christian concepts. Children will explore the different concepts in a range of inspiring activities as they move through the school, starting in Reception and developing a great depth of understanding by the time they reach Year 6. Living Difference IV offers an educative approach to religious education, emphasising a process of enquiry into concepts.

IMPACT

The impact of our curriculum is measured through a range of assessment strategies to assess pupils' learning.

The Headteacher and other key staff will review the curriculum through learning walks and scrutiny of planning and work.