



Characteristics of a Religious Scholar

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to understand a thought without accepting it."

Aristotle

At Stocksbridge Junior School, we are religious scholars!

At Stocksbridge Junior School, every child is a religious scholar.

We want all of our pupils to know about and understand a range of religions and worldviews. Through our religious education curriculum, we want all of our pupils to develop an appreciation of the subject, be inspired, be ambitious and confident in their ability, using the knowledge and skills they have been taught to express their own ideas and insights into the significant human questions which religions address. Through the teaching of religious education, we will open children's minds to different possibilities and alternative points of view they may encounter and promote the virtues of respect and empathy. We also intend to introduce all of our pupils to the opportunities and careers their knowledge and skills in this area will, in the future, allow them to access.

As religious scholars, we have...

- An outstanding level of religious understanding and knowledge.
- A thorough engagement with a range of ultimate questions about the meaning and significance of existence.
- The ability to ask significant and highly reflective questions about religion and demonstrate an excellent understanding of issues related to the nature, truth and value of religion.
- A strong understanding of how the beliefs, values, practices and ways of life within any religion cohere together.
- Exceptional independence; the ability to think for themselves and take the initiative in, for example, asking questions, carrying out investigations, evaluating ideas and working constructively with others.
- Significant levels of originality, imagination or creativity, which are shown in their responses to their learning in RE.
- The ability to link the study of religion and belief to personal reflections on meaning and purpose.
- A wide knowledge and deep understanding across a wide range of religions and beliefs.

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