

The Way, the Truth & the Life

R.E Syllabus - The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

This syllabus is based on the Religious Education Curriculum Directory for Catholic schools.

It has been developed by teachers in direct response to a perceived need for a clear framework for effective, systematic and rigorous teaching and learning, at least equal to that of other curriculum areas. To this end it addresses both content and methodology.

The primary content of all religious education material is the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church and their implications for the lives of people today, and particularly for the lives of the pupils. Religious education material must, therefore, always present the three key elements of the Christian faith:

- a. that every human event is marked by the creative activity of God which communicates goodness to all beings;
- b. that the reality and power of sin limit and numb every person;
- c. that the life, death and resurrection of Christ, communicated by the Holy Spirit, give believers the hope of a definitive 'fulfilment'.

Material not incorporating those three elements "cannot be authentically Christian". (cf. GDC para 16)

Other faiths are addressed as a consequence of, and in the context of, Catholic teaching.

Catholic teaching about the action of God in the world requires an informed and respectful approach to other faiths. By a study of the action of God in these faiths, Catholics can come to a deeper appreciation of the revelation of God in Christ. Catholics can also learn from the practices of other faiths (e.g. patterns of prayer, fasting, pilgrimages etc. cf. GDC para. 200).

The syllabus incorporates attainment targets: learning about the Catholic faith (AT1) and learning from the Catholic faith (AT2). These are set out in the form of specific key learning objectives for each module.

The pupils' books to accompany this syllabus provide rich resources: they are imaginative, engaging and challenging. The teachers' books have theological notes, additional suggestions, activities, liturgies, worksheets and levels of achievement based on QCA guidelines.

Archbishop Vincent Nichols