



## **EARLY YEARS WOOLER FIRST SCHOOL**

**LONG TERM PLANNING FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
(please read alongside JM's planning Sheet – see below)

Children in the both Oak Class and Little Acorns at Wooler First School follow Northumberland's Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. For Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), both classes adapt and plan where appropriate and focus learning at an age appropriate level throughout the year. In Oak Class PSED skills are also 'taught' in planned weekly sessions by our HLTA, Janette Morton. All of this work incorporates 'British Values' (see separate document).

Through Religious Education children begin to explore the world of religion by focussing on special times and special people drawn initially from their own cultural and religious experiences and beliefs. Comparisons can then be drawn between those religions and cultures that are new and different to their own. They listen to and talk about stories and, through investigating books and objects and by visiting places of worship, children are introduced to religious words and concepts and use their senses in exploring religions and beliefs, practices and forms of expression.

They reflect on their own feelings and experiences. They use their imagination and curiosity to develop their appreciation and wonder of the world in which they live.

Although Religious Education is not a statutory requirement in Nursery it provides valuable educational experiences and does make a significant contribution towards meeting the requirements of the EYFS framework.

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## Possible learning opportunities/enhancements to the RE curriculum in Early Years.

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p><b>Christian Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvest Festival, Christmas Story</li> </ul> <p><b>Other religion Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hindu/Sikh story of Diwali</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly whole school assemblies</li> <li>• Family &amp; Early Years assemblies</li> <li>• Special Assemblies – Harvest Festival and Celebrations</li> <li>• Stay and play Session</li> <li>• Birthdays</li> <li>• Hindu Festival of Diwali.</li> <li>• Children in Need Appeal</li> <li>• Christmas – the Christmas Story</li> <li>• Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day</li> </ul> <p><b>Special People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit by clergy to assembly</li> <li>• Rama and Sita</li> </ul> <p><b>PSED focus,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• investigate emotions</li> <li>• feelings</li> <li>• behaviour</li> <li>• friends</li> <li>• settling in</li> <li>• why do we celebrate?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christian Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Story, Noah</li> </ul> <p><b>Other religion Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese Celebrations</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly whole school assemblies</li> <li>• Family &amp; Early Years assemblies</li> <li>• Chinese New Year Celebrations</li> <li>• Birthdays</li> <li>• Story of Easter and related activities including Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) and the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus</li> <li>• Stories from the Bible – The Good Samaritan</li> </ul> <p><b>Special People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who care for us and help us in our community – fire fighters, vicar, paramedic, doctor, nurse, vet, farmer.</li> <li>• Visit to local church</li> </ul> <p><b>PSED focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to overcome negative feelings</li> <li>• Empathy</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christian Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stories from the New Testament.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other religion Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buddhism &amp; caring</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly whole school assemblies</li> <li>• Family &amp; Early Years assemblies</li> <li>• Birthdays</li> <li>• Stories from the Bible – The Lost Sheep.</li> <li>• Glendale show – why is it special to the people who live in Wooler</li> </ul> <p><b>PSED focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buddhism</li> <li>• Making Good Choices</li> <li>• Change</li> </ul>