## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

At Crabtree Junior school we follow the Herts Agreed Syllabus for RE.

Our approach to RE is both investigative and reflective. We aim to develop our pupils' knowledge and understanding of the major world faiths and we address the fundamental questions of life. An appreciation of spiritual and moral issues in life experiences is explored, while social and cultural awareness is developed through recognition of the rights of people to hold different beliefs, values and traditions within a religiously diverse society and how these may influence their lives.

We encourage the children to express their own viewpoints in a thoughtful, reasoned and considerate way.

Christianity is taught in each year group alongside an in-depth study of one other major world religion: Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism.

At Crabtree we believe that RE both supports and strengthens what we do in every aspect of school life. Cross-curricular links are defined; specific skills such as enquiry and empathy are employed while the attitudes of commitment, respect and self understanding are developed.