



St. Aidan's Church of England Primary School



Spirituality within the Curriculum

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

Spirituality weaves through every aspect of life at St. Aidan's, permeating our vision, culture, and daily practices. Our pupils have enquiring minds and want to learn about themselves, others and the world.

Through our ambitious and broad curriculum, children have opportunities to ignite their interests and talents. Rich spiritual opportunities exist across the MFL curriculum for all children at every age.

Spirituality is subtly interwoven into Modern Foreign Language (MFL) as our children embark on a linguistic and cultural exploration. Learning a new language fosters an appreciation for diversity, fostering a sense of connection with people from different cultures and backgrounds. Through the study of language, our children gain insights into different worldviews, beliefs, and expressions, nurturing a broad-minded understanding of the human experience. The process of acquiring a new language also encourages adaptability and resilience, contributing to the development of spiritual qualities such as patience and open-mindedness. As our children engage with the nuances of communication in another language, they become united to the importance of effective and respectful cross-cultural interaction, fostering a sense of empathy, and understanding. Modern foreign language education thus becomes a tool for nurturing not only linguistic proficiency but also a global awareness and appreciation that aligns with the spiritual dimensions of a well-rounded education.

The MFL curriculum has been designed with many opportunities for spiritual development in mind.

- Foster a deeper connection with other cultures, values, and ideas, encouraging our children to reflect on their own beliefs and understandings of the world.
- Explore distinct cultures of the countries where the language is spoken. This provides opportunities to discuss and reflect on different spiritual beliefs, traditions, and practices, fostering respect for diversity.
- Understanding the spiritual and cultural practices of others, our children can develop empathy and appreciation for different ways of living, broadening their spiritual horizons.
- Understand the world is interconnected, with diverse people living in different parts of the world, each with their own spiritual practices and beliefs. This can foster a sense of global citizenship and interconnectedness, which are important spiritual values.
- Inspire children to think about how different cultures approach issues like love, kindness, suffering, and community.