



St. Aidan's Church of England Primary School



Spirituality within the Curriculum

Reading

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 Reading curriculum for all children at every age.

Spirituality is often subtly woven into the fabric of reading as our children delve into the enchanting world of literature. Through stories, fables, folktales, and poetry, our readers encounter characters facing moral dilemmas, ethical choices, and moments of self-discovery, allowing them to reflect on their own values and beliefs. Literature provides a medium for exploring diverse perspectives, fostering empathy, and encouraging a sense of connection with the human experience. Whether it's tales of courage, kindness, or the wonders of the natural world, reading nurtures the spiritual dimensions of our children by offering them a space for meditation, contemplation, and the exploration of universal themes that challenge cultural and religious boundaries. Engaging with literature becomes a journey of self-reflection, imagination, and understanding, contributing to the overall development of our children in their quest for meaning and purpose.

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

- Empathy with authors and the characters in stories and plays.
- The appreciation of beauty in language.
- The values of great works.
- Heroes and heroines in literature.
- The reading of poetry.
- Imagining oneself as someone else.
- Escaping into other worlds through literature.
- The element of wonder in literature.