



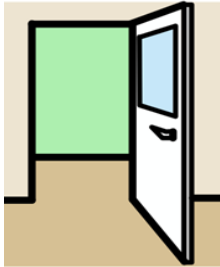


Spirituality in St Andrew's Art Curriculum

At St Andrew's, we use the Windows, Mirrors and Doors approach to support children in their spiritual and moral development.

Spirituality is a continuous search for purpose and meaning in life, an appreciation for the depth of life and the universe and a personal belief system. Spirituality emphasises the quality of thinking about oneself, relationships, worth, and identity, and can be found in all curriculum subjects

Spirituality makes us aware of things bigger than ourselves and this often makes us say 'wow' but sometimes 'ow'.

Spiritual Development – Windows, Mirrors and Doors		
	<p>The Window – Looking Out Learning about encounters</p> <p>The image of the window symbolises 'looking out' at the awe and wonder of the world. The window also helps us to question things which may worry us or take us by surprise. The window prompts children to reflect upon what they see around them as they look out upon the world we live in.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children understand that all art tells a story, and they can recognise that every creation has embarked on a different journey, originating from culture, tradition, expression and/or emotion. • Children appreciate that art shapes our history and contributes to the representation and creativity of our nation. • Children admire the 'awe and wonder' of art in our environment – both natural and man-made, and are enchanted by the beauty of God's amazing creation. • Art enables children to express their feelings and emotions through artistic forms, in response to the delight and disasters of the world.
	<p>The Mirror – Looking In Learning from reflections</p> <p>The mirror symbolises reflecting upon your own actions, thoughts and beliefs to 'look inside' and to ask important questions, learning from our own and other's responses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art allows children to be present in the moment and to appreciate the natural wonders of the world around us, which in turn inspires us e.g. sunset, oceans and landscapes. • Art enables children to be reflective about their own creativity, exploring and extending their imagination as they connect spiritually with the work of influential artists. • Art is thought provoking and captivates curiosity whilst showing respect for the imagination of others and themselves.
	<p>The Door – Actions for Change Putting thoughts and ideas into action.</p> <p>The symbol of the door allows children to have opportunities to respond, to do something, to go through the door and take action. The door aims to develop and nurture children to have the confidence to truly believe that they can make a difference in the world and be courageous advocates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art allows children to express themselves in a creative way in response to different emotions, beliefs and other stimuli. • Art promotes the discussion and interpretation of powerful messages evoking an emotional response which can lead to an action for change. • The showcasing of art binds communities together to respect one another's interpretations, and delight in the collaboration of projects.