

Science Practise – Northhill C of E VA Lower School

Science is taught in line with national curriculum in years 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Foundation Stage practice in Dolphin Class.

Dolphin Class – Early Years Foundation Stage
Science is taught as part of Knowledge and Understanding of the world according to the foundation stage guidelines. The outdoor environment is used wherever possible in the teaching of science. Work is supported by 'Come Outside' and 'Fourways Farm'.
Owl Class – Years 1 and 2
Science is taught using the Ginn Staff Science scheme of work one and a half hours per week over two lessons. A new topic is taught each half term and each one includes an element of scientific enquiry. Science is taught in separate year groups. Set assessments are carried out from the Ginn Star Science scheme at the end of each unit. Homework is set when topic needs to be extended or reinforced. Parents and children are informed of levels and targets at each parent consultation. The outdoor environment and local facilities are used wherever possible in the teaching of science topics.
Leopard Class – Years 3 and 4
Science is taught using the Ginn Star Science scheme of work two hours per week over two lessons, with the emphasis being on scientific enquiry and practical investigations through a variety of topics. Science is taught in separate year groups. Set assessments are carried out from the Ginn Star Science scheme at the end of each unit. Homework is given where appropriate. Parents and children are informed of levels and targets at each parent consultation. The outdoor environment and local facilities are used wherever possible in the teaching of science topics.

Religious Education Practise – Northhill C of E VA Lower School

Religious Education is taught in line with the Bedfordshire guidelines throughout the school and in Foundation Stage it is also linked to the Foundation Stage curriculum. There is a detailed Long Term plan for progression through years 1 – 4. We have close links with our local church where we take part in a church service every half term. The local vicar takes weekly assemblies for key stages 1 and 2, in the school.

Dolphin Class – Early Years Foundation Stage
RE is taught through all topics where applicable. It is closely linked with personal, social and emotional development, communication, language and literacy, knowledge and understanding of the world, and creative development, cementing Christian values.
Owl Class – Years 1 and 2
RE is taught as a whole class for 45 minutes each week. The 2 main areas are 'Learning About Religion' and 'Learning From Religion'. Units are topic based each half term such as 'Special Places in Religion'. Within each topic up to 3 different religions are studied in addition to Christianity, these are Judaism, Hindu and Islam. There is a 2 year rolling programme.
Leopard Class – Years 3 and 4
RE is taught as whole class for 1 hour each week. The 2 main areas are 'Learning About Religion' and 'Learning From Religion'. Units are topic based each half term such as 'Food In Religion'. These build on the topics taught in key stage 1. Within each topic up to 5 different religions are studied. There is a 2 year rolling programme which teaches core key facts for each religion to ensure solid knowledge of each faith. Children go on a 'Faith Walk' in Bedford to visit a Church, Mosque and a Sikh Gurdwara

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body

Simon Bryant
Chair of Governors

Date