



## Christian Distinctiveness

### Overview

At St Faiths' Primary School, we ensure that the teaching of our English curriculum embodies our Christian Distinctiveness and gives our children the chance to be the best they can be. We regularly refer to and reinforce our School Values:

**Compassion, Responsibility, Honesty, Forgiveness and Perseverance**

Through a broad and comprehensive English curriculum, we believe our children are given a variety of opportunities to explore different texts, cultures and points of view. In doing so, we give the children the tools and skills needed to develop a deeper understanding of the modern world and those within it.

We actively encourage a love of reading, through a wide range of texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Starting with the basic decoding skills, children develop their **perseverance**, to enter wonderful fictional worlds. Having a well-stocked library and class reading areas means the children can enjoy the texts by authors they love, taking **responsibility** to ensure books are well looked after. Through the Power of Reading or whole class reading sessions, we encourage discussions around character behaviours, including **honesty** and **forgiveness**. They will come across characters who display our school values, while also meeting characters who represent different cultures, beliefs and religions. Through these we discuss and encourage deeper thinking about **compassion**, acceptance and understanding of one another.

### Our Story: Noah's Ark

Through the teaching of a range of religious stories, such as our school Bible story of Noah's Ark, we further reinforce the idea that everyone is included at our school, regardless of their own life story and how different that might look to our own. By following God's word, everyone will **flourish**.