



Spiritual Development at St George's CEP.

At St George's CEP, we aim to be a place where children's light can shine.

As a church school the children's spiritual development, the development of people's mind, body and soul is very important to us.

We believe that spirituality should influence all areas of education and life, therefore we aim that all areas of the curriculum contribute to pupils' spiritual development, having an influence on mental health and wellbeing.

Spiritual development is, however, deeply personal. It relates to fundamental questions about the meaning and purpose of life which affect everyone, and is not dependent on a religious affiliation.

When considering children's Spiritual development, we look at three different areas:

- Love (for self and others);
- The world (beauty and creation);
- Beyond (the unexplained).



How we provide children with openings for spiritual development:

WINDOWS

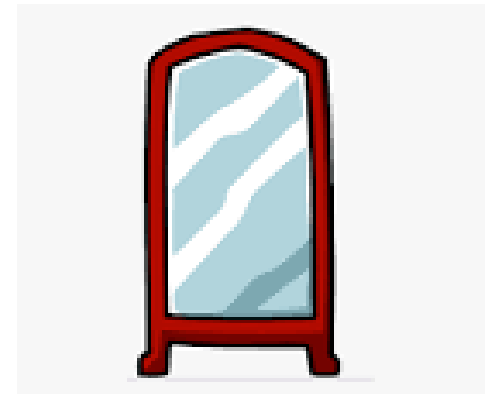
Give children opportunities to become aware of the world in new ways. This includes things that amaze us and things which challenge us.



MIRRORS:

Give children opportunities to reflect on their experiences; to reflect on life's big questions and to consider some possible answers.

In this they are learning from life by exploring their own insights and perspectives and those of others.



DOORS

Give children opportunities to respond to all of this; to do something creative as a means of expressing, applying and further developing their thoughts and convictions. In this they are learning to live by putting into action what they are coming to believe and value.



Certain topics lend themselves greatly to particular areas of spiritual development, for example, texts selected in English. Our outdoor learning opportunities allows many opportunities to investigate spiritually through engagement with the natural world.

Collective Worship also allows daily spiritual development opportunities.