

## **Religious Education Intent Statement**

At Newnham Croft, we believe that it is important for all our pupils to learn from and about world religions, so that they can better understand the world around them. Our Religious Education fosters children's understanding of the way that religious beliefs shape people's life and behaviour. We also aim to develop their ability to make reasoned and informed judgements about religious and moral issues and enhance their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. It plays an important role, along with all other curriculum areas, particularly PSHCE, in promoting social awareness and understanding in our children. We encourage our pupils to ask questions about the world and to reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences. Our curriculum promotes respect and open-mindedness towards those with different faiths and beliefs and encourages pupils to develop their sense of identity and belonging through self-awareness and reflection. Our curriculum is designed to encourage creativity, imagination, enquiry, debate, discussion and independence.