

**".... that they may have life and have it to the full."**

**John 10:10**

## **CURRICULUM**

**Aim** Our Creative curriculum prepares every child for an ever changing world enabling them to shine

### **Objectives:**

- To value the importance of enjoyment to promote life-long learners
- To value hard work, persevere and celebrate achievement
- To provide a safe, stimulating environment which facilitates learning
- To appreciate every child's talents in an inclusive, accessible curriculum that meets their individual needs
- To motivate the children by providing a broad, balanced curriculum enabling them to learn individually and collaboratively

## **PRAYER, WORSHIP AND LITURGY**

**Aim:** As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we weave the fabric of our school with the thread of the Gospel Values

### **Objectives:**

- Support the children through their faith and Sacramental journey
- Teach and celebrate the life of Jesus Christ throughout the Liturgical year
- Invite members of our school family to join us in the celebration of the Good News
- Adults to model and encourage children to live in the image of Jesus Christ, seeing the Gospel values in action
- Provide plentiful opportunities, through collective worship, liturgies, assemblies for reflection and prayer

## **RELATIONSHIPS**

**Aim:** We are one big family, built on respect, with Jesus at the centre and children at the heart

### **Objectives:**

- To provide a warm welcome and ensure that all members of our community feel included
- Foster love, trust and mutual respect
- Provide a safe place to make mistakes
- Celebrate good things in our lives and support in times of difficulty, especially our most vulnerable families
- Model and encourage a lifelong faith journey
- To operate an open door policy, whilst safeguarding all members of our school community
- To provide opportunities for the children to contribute towards our school community and the wider world
- To allow the community opportunities to contribute to school life and enrich the children's experiences

## **The Aims of Religious Education**

### Religious Education in the Catholic School

Catholic schools are guided in all they do by an important and coherent vision of education.

This vision is based on the truth revealed by God about ourselves, our life together in community and our ultimate destiny with God. This gives rise to an educational endeavour centred on the person of Jesus Christ, who is our Way, Truth and Life.

*Joint pastoral letter on Catholic Education Bishops Conference Sept. 2007*

### The aims of Religious Education in Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

The following strategies and aims underpin the effective delivery of religious education in the Catholic school.

- Religious education is about engaging with the deepest questions of life and finding reasons for the hope which is within them (1 Peter 3:15).
- It is about the Christian vision of the human person
- It is the core subject which is central to the life of the Catholic school
- Religious education is the systematic study:
  - of the mystery of God, as discovered through the Bible and particularly through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ,
  - the teachings of the Church,
  - the lives of the saints,
  - the relationship between faith and life.

### Expectations of Classroom Religious Education

- Classroom religious education in a Catholic school is primarily educational
- Excellence in religious education is achieved by:
  - clarity of succinct religious learning objectives,
  - key content,
  - by appropriate methodologies,
  - rigour,
  - richness of resources,
  - achievement of identified outcomes,
  - accurate methods of assessment.