



## Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School Christian Faith in Action in Our Curriculum

At Parochial one of the drivers in our curriculum is to develop Christian values in our pupils. This will benefit the children, their families and their local and global community. We focus on the values of Justice (speaking for those whose voices are not heard) and Service (giving of ourselves to help others).

Year Group	Subject Area	Link to Christian Action (Advocacy)
Reception	People and Communities	In the summer term Reception look at countries around the world. One of the countries they look at is Central America (El Salvador) as we sponsor a child from this area. Find out about the area where they live and compare to our local area. Invite visitors into school from different cultures and of different religions so children can speak up with confidence about other people's traditions and beliefs.  This works to expand children's understanding of cultural diversity and prepares them for the concepts of justice for all people.
	The World	In the summer term Reception look at our local area; they talk about litter and will carry out a litter pick in the school grounds. Children will design a poster to ask residents not to litter/look after their environment. Children take ownership of an area in school-plant flowers, look after them, weed the area etc. Children will have to look after this area during their continuous provision.
	The World- EXC	Reception also make hedgehog boxes, bird feeders and bug hotels to help protect the wildlife in our local area. These actions link strongly to our themes of compassion and to the role God gave us to be stewards of His creation.
	General	During continuous provision children will have the opportunity to make extra Christmas/Easter cards to send to care homes in the local area. This links to compassion and also helps to reinforce the value of service for others.
Year One	History and Art	In the summer term Year 1 find out about Grace Darling as part of their work in History. They will create a piece of artwork based around the ocean and sell their work to raise money for a coastguard charity. This helps expand children's understanding and experience of service, both the service of Grace and their own service in performing a charitable act for others.
	Geography	Throughout the spring and summer term Year 1 study the local area (the school and Whickham). The children will look at parking issues around school and design posters to display in the local area to raise awareness. This links to service – we are doing this to help others, and also justice, speaking up for the children who could possibly be hurt.
Year Two	Science	As part of our 'materials' topic in science, we look at recycling. The children will do a litter pick in our local environment then sort the litter into the correct recycling bins. These actions link strongly to the role God gave us to be stewards of His creation.
	Geography	As part of geography in Year 2 the children will compare a small area of the north east to a small area of a contrasting non-European country (El Salvador) linked to our school's sponsored child, helping to increase their understanding of differing lifestyles and preparing them for work on justice and compassion.
Year Three	English	Year 3 will be making a persuasive poster on how to help a hedgehog, inspired by the National Trust which may then be sent out to other children in school, sent home for children to give to friends/ family / neighbours. An informative assembly will be hosted by the children on how to help a hedgehog – prizes will then be given for children who make a hedgehog habitat/ put out food/ make a corridor. This links to our work on both



		justice, acting on behalf of those less powerful or whose voices are not heard, and stewardship of God's earth and the creatures He put upon it.
	RE-	Children will learn about Greta Thunberg in 'creation'. They will read Greta and the Giants and watch a peaceful protest. Children to organise a peaceful protest, including signs, chants to raise awareness of climate change. This links to the to the role God gave us to be stewards of His creation.
	Music	As part of their music curriculum, Year 3 children will record or present a final music performance. Tickets will be sold and the money raised will be donated to Jessie's Fund – a charity which helps children through music. This provides experience of compassion and service for others.
	Science	As part of their work on nutrition Year 3 will find out about 'Give a magic breakfast' – children to raise money for supporting breakfast clubs and summer holiday lunch clubs.  It costs 34p to feed a child in the UK, so children to collect 34ps (on a chart) by helping around their mealtime (e.g. washing up, helping cook, wiping down surfaces, recycling the tins they have used etc). We will work with parents to help them see the value of children earning their money through their own energy and effort, linking this to the value of service for others.
Year Four	Geography	As part of their work on the water cycles, Year 4 will invite a visiting speaker from Water Aid (assembly)  Fundraising for Water Aid – save money in a 'Jar of Change' – children could perhaps give something small up e.g. money for a chocolate bar, and instead put it into their jar...or collect as much spare change as possible e.g. as payment for doing small chores at home.  Or: Bake for Water Aid  <a href="https://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved/fundraising/bake-for-wateraid">https://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved/fundraising/bake-for-wateraid</a> <a href="https://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved/fundraising">https://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved/fundraising</a> .  This works within our stewardship of the earth and also links to themes of Justice.
	English	As part of their work on Non- chronological report – linked with 'Kids Fight Plastic'  Children will start a new habit that helps the environment e.g. start using reusable bags (prevent plastic carrier bags being used in school), using reusable water bottles (prevent all single use plastic bottles being brought into school). They will organise collection point for crisp packets at lunchtime:  The Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme  <a href="https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/crisppacket">https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/crisppacket</a>  This works within our stewardship of the earth.
Year Five	Science	Study a courageous advocate (potentially Jane Goodall) from across the globe, both past and present, that have faced injustice and have had to overcome barriers in order to help others for the greater good.  Year 5 will engage with Alive and Kicking - the world's only not-for-profit ball manufacturer. The centres across sub-Saharan Africa create hundreds of ethical jobs for adults facing disadvantage. Profits from balls sales and additional fundraising give young people access to sport and health education through A+K ball donations and the delivery of effective sport-based health programmes.  This is strongly linked to justice – speaking and acting for those whose voices are not heard, and is an opportunity to perform a service for others.
	Geography and English	Look at animals that live in the area they are studying in geography. Look at the physical and human geography in the area where animal inhabits. The human impact upon their



		environment – Orangutan palm oil why the farming of palm oil is wrong. WWF - sponsor an animal – link class reader - The Explorer, rainforest environment, What animals are endangered and why – is it right to kill animals for their tusk, skin etc? This is strongly linked to justice – speaking and acting for those whose voices are not heard
	English	As part of their work in English Year 5 study the book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys. Explore why children are not in shoes debate whether shoes should be something they should have, look at finding a way to contribute to shoe aid. If money is to be raised, we will work with parents to help them see the value of children earning their money through their own energy and effort, linking this to the value of service for others.
Year Six	Geography	As part of their work on 'The Americas' Year 6 will look at the work of Oscar Romero in El Salvador – as school sponsors a child from El Salvador. They will see that Romero is a model of service for others and as one who speaks up for those who are not heard.
	History	As part of their work in history Year 6 will look at Industrial Revolution and the work of Dr Barnardo as a significant turning point in history. They will see that Dr Barnardo is a model of service for others and as one who speaks up for those who are not heard. The children will make a collection of unwanted toys/clothes to donate to the local Barnardo's shop in Whickham.
	Science	When finding out about the circulatory system and health Year 6 organise a sponsored skip for the British heart Foundation – packs available and resources can be provided. A class activity will be arranged. If money is to be raised, we will work with parents to help them see the value of children earning their money through their own energy and effort, linking this to the value of service for others.