



## **Spirituality at Nacton C of E Primary School**

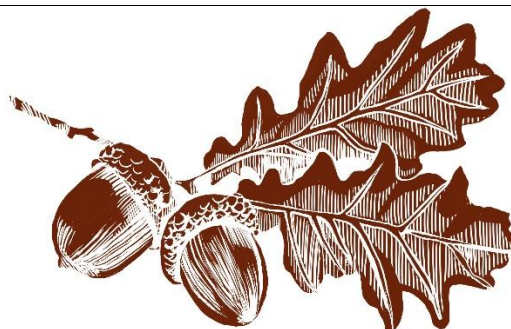
### **Our vision**

#### **Building firm foundations for life**

We **build strong foundations**, rooted in the teachings of the Bible and example of Jesus, to enable our children to reach their fullest potential. They learn to value themselves, cherish one another and take responsibility for the world. From this sense of security and belonging, they **'flourish and fly'** now and in the future.

### **Our understanding of spirituality**

| <b>Ideas we like which have helped us develop our shared understanding</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Key point</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <i>To attempt to educate the spirit is to attempt to affect what a person is and what he or she might become, not just what they can do or might know.</i> - Priestley                                                             | <b>Spirituality is more than just knowledge and skills. It is more than just mastering the curriculum.</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| Spiritual growth can be described as a process of becoming more <i>'you-ier.'</i> Just as an acorn can only become an oak tree so we develop into <i>'more that person God had in mind when he thought you up.'</i> – John Ortberg | <b>Spirituality is about me and who I am. It has to do with our potential to be the person God created us to be.</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>'Shalom.'</i> A biblical vision of what God wants for humans and can be defined as flourishing in the enjoyment (and peace) of relationships with self, others, creation and God.                                               | <b>Spirituality is about more than just me. It is about connection with other people, our world and in school, providing opportunities for every child to meet with God if they would like to. Spirituality is interrelated with mental health and wellbeing.</b> |
| It is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinking beyond ourselves;</li> <li>• Being open to more;</li> <li>• Caught, not taught.</li> </ul>                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



## We provide opportunities to grow spiritually in the following areas:

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| <p><b>Self (Me)</b></p> <p>What is it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-awareness, knowledge and esteem</li> <li>• Beliefs and values</li> <li>• Awareness of an inner life</li> <li>• Understanding emotions, thoughts and needs</li> </ul> <p><b>Opportunities we provide for growth in this area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our PSHE curriculum with its focus on happiness and healthiness</li> <li>• Our RE curriculum which allow children the opportunity to respond to beliefs and develop their own worldviews</li> <li>• Time to think and reflect throughout the school day</li> <li>• A curriculum which includes the teaching of zones of regulation and building learning powers</li> <li>• A strong pastoral offer and wellbeing hub</li> <li>• Opportunities for pupil leadership across the school</li> <li>• Values education including our collective worship programme</li> <li>• Critical thinking opportunities and the use of questioning</li> </ul> | <p><b>Others (you)</b></p> <p>What is it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entering into relationships with others</li> <li>• Connection and belonging</li> </ul> <p><b>Opportunities we provide for growth in this area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour policy based on restorative practice and restorative conversations</li> <li>• Playtimes for all, inclusive, no one left out</li> <li>• Strong relationship building across the school through our House Teams</li> <li>• Leadership opportunities to work in teams and independently</li> <li>• PSHE curriculum</li> <li>• Additional nurture provision working alongside others</li> <li>• Theme weeks – e.g. anti bullying</li> <li>• Role and importance of forgiveness</li> <li>• Unique family ethos of a small school</li> <li>• The example of Jesus shared and discussed in collective worship</li> <li>• After school club offer</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>The World</b></p> <p>What is it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness of stewardship</li> <li>• Ability to respond to the world around you</li> </ul> <p><b>Opportunities we provide for growth in this area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning about the world through our curriculum offer</li> <li>• Picture news with its focus on current events</li> <li>• School trips, visits and visitors</li> <li>• Charity events e.g. Save the Children</li> <li>• Forest school and woodland adventures</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>God</b></p> <p>What is it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeling connected to something greater than themselves.</li> <li>• A search for meaning</li> <li>• Consider the possibility of being loved and known by a creator God.</li> </ul> <p><b>Opportunities we provide for growth in this area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily collective worship provides the opportunity to meet with God</li> <li>• All children from Year 2 have their own Bible and use these in class</li> <li>• Our collective worship leadership team</li> <li>• Our relationship with our local church community and the sense of belonging this instils including regular visits</li> <li>• Singing is an experience which brings joy and connection</li> <li>• Experiencing stillness and silence, learning to listen to the voice of God.</li> </ul>                                                                      |

# Relational Consciousness

