



Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

Spirituality



Our definition of Spirituality at The Federation of Middleham (VA & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools is...

...something that touches us all. It is a connection to something that is bigger than ourselves. It is about awe and wonder, asking ultimate questions and being inspired to look beyond ourselves and serve and care for others and the world around us.

Spiritual Development

The Federation of Middleham (VA & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools are Church schools that are committed to encouraging the exploration of the Christian faith and values, while being open to other faiths, beliefs and values. Pupils' spiritual development is shown by their:

- Beliefs, religious or otherwise, which inform their perspective on life and their interest in and respect for different people's feeling and values
- Sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them, including the intangible
- Use of imagination and creativity in their learning
- Willingness to reflect on their experiences.

Aims

The Individual (Self)

To develop self-awareness, confidence, sense of worth, an understanding and application of personal values and beliefs, the ability to handle feelings and personal creativity.

Relationship to Others

To develop openness and awareness to differences, empathy and the individual's awareness of their place within the wider group and community. To develop an awareness and ability to explore issues around questions of life and death.

Relationship to the World & Universe

To develop a sense of wonder and awe, appreciation of the beauty and variety of nature and our inheritance through various cultures.



WINDOWS: giving opportunities to become aware of the world in new ways; to **wonder** about life's '**Wows**' (things that are amazing) and '**Ows**' (things that bring us up short).

In this we are learning about '*life in all its fullness (John 10:10)*'.



MIRRORS: giving opportunities to reflect on experiences; to **meditate** on life's big questions and to consider some possible answers.

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



DOORS: giving opportunities to respond; to **do** something creative as a means as a means to express ourselves, further develop thoughts and convictions.

In this we are learning to live by putting into action what we believe and value.