Fundamental Great British Values

- At Norton Primary Academy we prepare children for their next stage of education and for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life, by laying the foundations so that they can take their place successfully in modern British society. We promote a respect for and understanding of different faiths, cultures and lifestyles. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of each child is central to everything that we within our Academy. This is shown throughout teaching and learning, our inclusive environment and through the many opportunities provided for our children to understand democracy, law, liberty, mutual respect and tolerance.

Planning

- In the Foundation Stage, Religious Education is taught under the umbrella of Understanding of the World. This involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment. The children learn about Religious Festivals and celebrations from a range of World Religions
- In Key Stage 1 and 2 RE is taught throughout the school using the Stockton Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. Within our Academy, children learn about the major world religions by exploring concepts such as Belonging, Places of worship, Festivals, rites of passage, Beliefs and Practices, Sacred Texts, Founders and Leaders and expressions of Faith.

Assessment

- Children are monitored on a regular basis to check progress. Teachers assess and monitor progress through their teaching and questioning to enable them to adjust accordingly through planning to meet the children’s individual learning needs. The subject leader undertakes scrutinies of books and pupil interviews on a regular basis.

Enrichment Opportunities

- Norton Primary Academy has strong links with St Michael’s and All Angels Church in Norton. Harvest, Easter and Christingle services take place at the church and the Vicar regularly comes into school to lead Assemblies and acts of Collective Worship including Advent services. This academic year, some of our children attended a Remembrance service at St Mary’s Church in Norton to commemorate the centenary of the ending of World War 1. Staff plan visits to places of worship into their RE teaching, these included a visit to the local mosque and church.
Priorities for 2018-2019

- To develop links with other religions including visits to places of worship especially those that are non-Christian and to invite representatives from other faiths and cultures into school.
- To build on the scheme of work from the Stockton Agreed syllabus to ensure that all staff are confident to deliver the scheme of work and so that progression of skills is evident and formal assessment is built into each unit.