

Why is RE important at Oasis Academy Putney?

“Just as a candle cannot burn without fire, men cannot live without a spiritual life” Buddha

At Oasis Academy Putney, we believe that it is vital for all pupils to learn **from** and **about** religion, so that they can understand the world around them. Through R.E, pupils develop their knowledge of the world faiths, values, beliefs and cultures. The principle aim is to explore questions and answers arising from religion and belief, developing deep experiential knowledge (yada), in order to promote the well-being of pupils (shalom)

How is RE taught at Oasis Academy Putney?

We follow the Wandsworth Programme of Study for RE alongside elements from the Oasis RE Handbook. RE is timetabled weekly.

Oracy is one of our key curriculum drivers. We use dialogic talk techniques to discuss and debate different aspects of religion. We encourage pupils to be independent in thought and confident in sharing their opinions and ideas.

‘Big Questions’ are used in RE and a **‘big book’** is used in each Reception Class to collect evidence and give a snapshot of children’s learning.

What is our vision for RE at Oasis Academy Putney?

For pupils of all ages to be equipped and able to respond confidently to the questions ‘Who am I?’ and ‘Who am I becoming?’ RE involves asking the fundamental question ‘What is it to be human?’ It offers a unique place for pupils to address this question for themselves, in the light of the many responses offered by religion and philosophies through the centuries.

What do children think about RE at Oasis Academy Putney?

“I enjoyed learning about Christmas.”

Reception child

“I really enjoyed learning about special holy books.”

Year 1 child

“I like RE because I like learning about different people and their families.”

Year 2 child

“I like RE because I like to learn about other religions and races.”

Year 3 child

“I like that we get to learn about the traditional clothes that different religions wear.”

Year 4 child