

St. Michael's Primary School continues to foster close links with the Diocese of St Albans. More recently, the headteacher, Rachel Griffiths, was invited to become part of a working party to explore how a worldviews approach could be embedded further within the RE curriculum. This involves three primary RE leads and three secondary leads from across the diocese coming together to share in research and use evidence-based classroom practice to explore a worldviews approach.

A worldview is a person's way of understanding, experiencing and responding to the world. It can be described as a philosophy of life or an approach to life. This includes how a person understands the nature of reality and their own place in the world. A person's worldview is likely to influence and be influenced by their beliefs, values, behaviours, experiences, identities and commitments. We introduce the concept of worldviews to the children through the analogy of a pair of glasses and how it is the way someone sees the world.

A worldviews approach is a way of providing opportunities for all pupils to see themselves reflected in the curriculum, but also to be taken beyond their own experiences. The curriculum is designed in a way to teach pupils about diversity within and between beliefs, cultures and worldviews from across the world, and seeks to teach the skills and knowledge to hold respectful and informed conversations about religion and belief; to be religiously literate.

As part of this work, each primary school has been developing ways in which they can help the children to become more religiously literate, something which is also a focus on within the recently revised school's 'RE Statement of Entitlement'. To accomplish this, each strand of learning has a character assigned to it to help embed the concept.

### Thea the Theologian



Hi everyone!  
My name is Thea and I'm a Theologian. A theologian is someone who is interested in asking questions about what people believe.

### Livvy the Social Scientist



Hi everyone!  
My name is Livvy and I'm a social scientist. A social scientist is someone who is interested in how people live their lives.

### Phil the philosopher



Hi everyone!  
My name is Phil and I'm a philosopher. A philosopher is someone who is interested in how people think.

The working party will continue to work together this academic year with the intention of sharing this work further afield and helping drive change within the diocese beyond this.