

A Theological Reflection on Tadpole Farm Academy - Overview

Who are we, what are we doing here and how then shall we live and learn together?

Love

What God says/What the Bible says:

- God is love.
- Jesus' life and death shows us how to love one another.
- Jesus calls us to love all others as we love ourselves, especially the most vulnerable.

What we do:

- We show and experience love through living out our 12 values.
- We offer all pupils high quality teaching and learning opportunities.
- The inclusion team and SEN provision supports those who need it most.
- We encourage the flourishing of staff as well as pupils.

Enquire

What God says/What the Bible says:

- God is all-knowing and yet chooses to ask many questions throughout the Bible.
- Jesus too questioned those he met.
- Those who ask will receive.

What we do:

- Enquiry is embedded into our curriculum.
- Pupils are encouraged to explore the world around them and their place in it through learning.
- Worship opportunities, as a whole school and collectively encourage spiritual enquiry and reflection.

Achieve

What God says/What the Bible says:

- We are encouraged to root our achievements in God's purpose for our lives.
- Each of us has our own race to run and we may stumble on the way.
- Mercy, forgiveness and new opportunities help us on our way to achieve our potential.

What we do:

- We provide an excellent learning environment and develop the whole child through worship and other opportunities
- We celebrate achievements linked to our values, learning and behaviour in worship each week.
- The robust SEN support helps all pupils to achieve.
- The behaviour policy encourages repentance and restoration.
- Staff are encouraged to achieve their own goals through CPD and management responsibilities.

Partnership

What God says/What the Bible says:

- God desires to work in partnership with us, as he is intrinsically a partnership between Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- He calls us to be good stewards of the world he had created.
- Jesus calls us to work with him in sharing his love.
- God is delighted when we work together in unity.

What we do:

- We build strong partnerships with families of pupils, local church leaders and the Community.
- We encourage pupil-led teams for worship, environmental response etc.
- Key-stages share 'burrows' to allow easy working together.
- We value being part of a wider trust and the benefit of networks and support from others.

Everything is possible for one who believes

What God says/What the Bible says:

- Every learning journey requires self-belief and the loving belief of others.
- Jesus recognised doubt is sometimes easier than belief.

What we do:

- Rooted in God's love, in partnership and enquire we support pupils to achieve all they can and grow from being tadpoles to toads and frogs in year 6 ready to leap onto their next stage of education.