



**Growing**



**In**



**Faith**



**Together**



## What is the 'GIFT' Team?



A team of children who have been chosen to help nurture the spiritual development of everyone in school.





# What is meant by spiritual development? (A)



. For some, spiritual development is about the development of a relationship with God, while for others, it is about the development of the human spirit and for others, a continual quest after truth. It is vital to spiritual development that people be allowed the space to develop their own faith, beliefs and values.



# How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this? (A)



At St Bernadette's the vision of our GIFT team is.....

They will carry out this mission through helping to lead and organise all aspects of spiritual life in school:

- \* assemblies
- \* collective worship
- \* whole school celebrations
- \* WOW Days

# How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this? (A)



In a school, we can aim to encourage pupils' whole development (body, mind and spirit) and also to allow for pupils' 'hole' development, i.e., the development of their own faith or life view, their own beliefs and values.

# How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this?



Imagine three images....



a window



a mirror



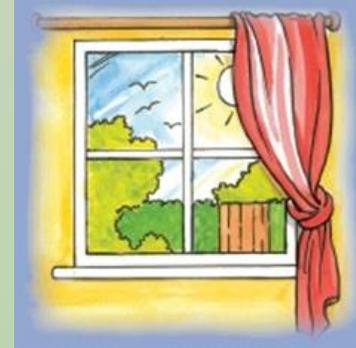
a door





How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this?

A window



The 'WOWs'



and the 'OWS'

How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this?



a mirror



Reflect



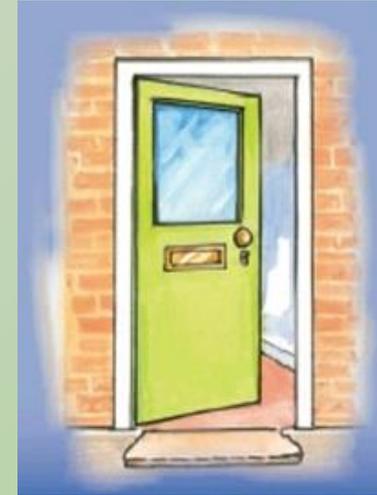
Meditate



How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this?



a door



.....new opportunities to live out our faith

# How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this? (A)



Three visual images can be used to help teachers consider how spiritual development - pupils' whole and 'hole' development - can be central and embedded in the life of St Bernadette's.



# What is meant by spiritual development? (A)



Imagine a doughnut:

a ring doughnut has two parts; a tangible outside and an intangible 'holey' inside and both parts are vital to the whole.



# How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this? (A)



**WINDOWS:** giving children 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 children are learning about life in all its fullness.

# How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this? (A)



**MIRRORS:** giving children opportunities to reflect on their experiences; to meditate on life's big questions and to consider some possible answers. In this they are learning from life by exploring their own insights and perspectives and those of others.



# How will the 'GIFT' Team achieve this? (A)



**DOORS:** giving children opportunities to respond to all of this; to do something creative as a means of expressing, applying and further developing their thoughts and convictions. In this they are learning to live by putting into action what they are coming to believe and value.