

Spirited Arts

This is an exciting RE project that you can do at home. You can enter an RE and art competition. There are £25 prizes for the winners, and your work might appear on our web gallery.

The art you make will show your own ideas about a big question. It can be 2D art, painting, drawing, 3D, sculpture, video art, music, poetry...anything you like!

Good luck!

Choose your favourites

Lots of children have entered this competition in the past. Some of their entries are on our website. Look at the website to see the entries. Choose your favourite entry of all.

Here is a good place to start looking:

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-gallery/2019/?ThemeID=66>



If you prefer to start with poetry, here are some poems to look at and listen to.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-poetry-2019/spirited-poetry-collection/2019/?ThemeID=83>



Three themes

Create your piece of RE artwork about one of these themes.

1. God's good earth? The beauty of the earth is celebrated in many religions, but the human spoiling of the earth is a danger. Can you make a work of art that shows what you think about our beautiful world? Does it belong to God? To us? To all the animals? Should we pray for the world?

2. Holy Words! What words are holy for you? Select sayings or stories you love about peace, faith, love, prayer or another spiritual idea. Will you use some quotes from holy books you love or have learned about in RE? What about some non-religious wise words? Show your holy words in your artwork. What is so great about the 'holy words' you have chosen?

3. Where is God? Is God in your heart? In prayer? In the temple or the universe? Or is God hiding? Is God not there at all? Looking for God is something almost everyone does sometimes but how are we doing in finding God? Would you search with google or a 'god-detector'? Can God be found by prayer? Use some ideas from different religions and beliefs and your own mind to make a work of art on this theme.

Writing

On a fresh sheet of paper, write about your artwork. You can use some of these sentence starters to help you.

- My picture is all about ...
- In my picture, you can see ...
- I hope people will notice ...
- The most important thing about my work is ...
- To make my artwork, what I did was ...
- The title I chose is ... because ...
- Doing this work has made me think ...
- This work has helped me to realise ...
- I've tried to show my ideas and feelings by ...
- What I like best about my work is ...
- I like the theme I worked on because...
- I think my work connects to religion and belief because ...
- A quote from a holy book that fits with my work is ...
- I have been investigating ...

Take a look!

To get you thinking, have a look at Emma's art work.



Emma wrote:

The little girl is in darkness. She needs help, so she looks into the candlelight. I called it God is the light because when she looks into the light she is safe.

How to enter

You can send your work to NATRE/Spirited Arts, 5-6 Imperial Court, 12 Sovereign Road, Birmingham B30 3FH. Make sure your work is marked with your name, age and school. Please send both your artwork and your writing by 31st July 2020.

Bulky or 3D work can be photographed and submitted online. See the website for details

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2020/>



Note to parents and carers: For further information, please see the website. Schools will also be sending entries, so teachers may request that work is sent to school. Children will not be identified on the website.

Class 3 from Grasmere school entered this competition a couple of years ago. They installed their art in the local church. Remarkably, HRH Prince Charles was visiting and he met the children and saw their work. Be ambitious: you never know what might happen!

