

REfresh 2020/21 report



Description of REfresh

REfresh is a programme that offers the teaching of Christianity, as part of the RE syllabus, and consists of a bank of 170 creative and memorable lessons. CRiBS has been delivering RE lessons for over 25 years and the team teach in primary schools across Bexley Borough and beyond.



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Quality, Outputs, outcomes, impact for 2020/21

- 11 primary schools
- 41 topics/units taught (approx. 180 different lessons)
- 105 different classes taught (739 lessons delivered)
- Approximately 3210 children reached
- 91% of children said they enjoyed CRiBS lessons
- 87% of children said the lessons helped them learn more about the topic
- 80% of children said they understood more about Christian beliefs from CRiBS lessons
- 77% of children said the lessons helped them think about life and how they live
- 92% of teachers evaluated the lessons in the highest ratings across a range of quality criteria

(Data collated in August 2021 using feedback received in the period September 2020 to July 2021)

Sample of Teacher Quotes:

- *This is a tricky concept for children to grasp, but the delivery and materials used enabled all children to achieve a good level of understanding. (Yr4 teacher)*
- *All the lessons were well resourced and very professionally delivered. (Yr3 teacher)*
- *The children benefitted enormously from having a knowledgeable, strong teacher with a passion for RE and Christianity. (Yr1 teacher)*
- *One SEN child who is shy and an EAL child confidently acted in one of the stories = a break through moment. (Yr1 teacher)*
- *Fun, engaging and supportive teaching and material (Yr4 teacher)*
- *It enabled the children to start thinking about their own beliefs and who inspires them. (Yr5 teacher)*
- *CRiBS are always very professional and friendly. They engage with the children well. (YrR teacher)*
- *This fitted perfectly with our Year 4 topic. It gave children a firm understanding of the Christmas story and reinforced their class learning. (Yr4 teacher)*
- *As always, our class have enjoyed these sessions and appeared engaged and motivated. (Yr6 teacher)*

Sample of Pupil Quotes:

- *I've learned goodness is nice and Jesus made happiness. (Yr4 pupil)*
- *My favourite lesson was forgiveness because it helped me to understand how to forgive. Thank you and keep up the good work! (Yr6 pupil)*
- *I like CRiBS because they teach you about God and Jesus and tell you about Giving and respect. (Yr 3 pupil)*
- *I have learnt a lot during these five sessions because I didn't know anything about the Bible but after these lessons I feel way more confident. (Yr5 pupil)*
- *As a muslim I have learnt a lot about Christians. Thank you for teaching me very good information. (Yr5 pupil)*
- *CRiBS is very fun and exciting. (Yr3 pupil)*
- *Our teacher was really good at explaining. (Yr6 pupil)*

Conclusion

The REfresh team provides a package of teaching days across a school year but is also able to offer sample lessons, bespoke schedules of lessons, and 'values' lessons and workshops. In recent years the team has also delivered extended coverage of the Christianity syllabus or PPA cover in some schools, which enables stronger relationships with staff and children but reduces the number of schools that can be reached by the team. CRiBS is flexible to the needs of schools and responds to the changing environment in which it is working. This flexibility was made evident in CRiBS' response to the Covid-19 pandemic. A few schools informed CRiBS that they were closed to outside visitors whilst others were happy for CRiBS to continue teaching as normal (albeit in a Covid-Secure way.; for example, PPE was worn by our staff, teaching delivery adapted and resources supplied to the school ahead of lessons for quarantine purposes). When restrictions eased, a number of the schools that had been closed to visitors reopened enabling CRiBS to deliver some of the lessons that had been planned.