

RE Curriculum Map Overview

The Principal Aim of RE

The principal aim of religious education is to explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live, so that pupils can gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1 Giving Thanks/ Commitment	F: Being thankful KQ: What do you say thank you for?	F: Harvest KQ: What do Christians thank God for at Harvest time? R: Christianity	F: Harvest KQ: How do Christians give thanks? R: Christianity	F: Praise and Thanks KQ: How do religious people offer praise and thanks to God? R:Christianity, Islam	F: Sukkot KQ: Is there a difference between the Sukkot festival and the Harvest festival? R: Judaism	F: Showing commitment KQ: How can religious people show commitment? R: Islam	F: Commitment to beliefs KQ: What does it mean to believe? R: Judaism, Christianity	F: Buddha's Teachings KQ: People give thanks to Buddha for his teachings - did he make the world a better place? R: Buddhism
Autumn 2 Celebration	F: The Nativity Story KQ: What is Christmas? R: Christianity	F: The Nativity Story KQ: Why do Christians celebrate Christmas? R:Christianity	F: Diwali, the Festival of Light KQ: Why is the symbol of light important? R: Hinduism	F: Angels F: Light as a symbol KQ: What role did Angels play in the Nativity Story? KQ: Why is Jesus seen as the light to guide the world? R: Christianity	F: Christmas KQ: Does the Nativity Story have a deeper meaning? R:Christianity	F: Festivals (Eid and Maha Shivratri) KQ: Why are celebrations important? R:Islam (Eid) and Hinduism (Maha Shivratri)	F: Celebrating the achievements and actions of religious people KQ: Are human's the workers of God? Religion: ALL	F: Changes in religion over time KQ: Do modern Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians to understand who Jesus was? R: Christianity
Spring 1 Unity and Compassion	F: Family KQ: What is a family?	F: Friendship KQ: Who were the friends of Jesus? R: Christianity	F: Heroes KQ: What is a Hero? R: ALL	F: The Unity of Religion KQ: How does religion help people to feel united? R: ALL	F: Rules KQ; Do rules have a place in religion? R: Christianity and Islam	F: Animals KQ: Should animals have the same rights as humans? R: Hinduism and Buddhism	F: Helping Others KQ: We can all be helpful - but do we help others enough? R: Christianity and Sikhism	F: Compassion KQ: Could compassion help to solve world problems? R: Christianity and Buddhism.
Spring 2 New Life and Learning	F: Growth, new life etc. KQ: What makes our world wonderful?	F: New Life KQ: How did Jesus promise new life? R: Christianity	F: Learning to be courageous KQ: How can you show courage? R: Judaism	F: The Easter Story KQ: What is the importance of Palm Sunday? R: Christianity	F: Loss and Change KQ: Were loss and change themes in the Easter Story? R: Christianity	F: Jesus's Life KQ: Who was Jesus? R: Christianity	F: Local Study KQ: An enquiry into visiting places of worship R: Islam	F What are we? Conscience and Soul KQ: What am I? R: ALL
Summer 1 Religious Teachings	F: Sharing Bible Stories KQ: What do we learn from these stories?	F: Noah's Ark KQ: Why did Noah build an Ark? R: Christianity	F: Ganesh KQ: Why did Ganesh have an elephant head? R: Hinduism	F: Religious figures as teachers KQ: Why are religious teachings important? R: Judaism and Christianity	F: Brahma KQ: How can Brahma be everywhere and in everything? R: Hinduism	F: Miracles KQ: Can miracles happen? R: Christianity?	F: Hanukah / Passover KQ: What is the importance of light as a religious symbol? R: Judaism	F: Pilgrimage KQ: Do pilgrimages help people get closer to God? R: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Judaism.
Summer 2 Beliefs, Books and Buildings	F: Creation Stories KQ: What do Christians believe God created? R: Christianity	F: Creation Stories KQ: How do Christians believe the world was created? R: Christianity	F: The Prophet of God KQ: What happened to the Prophet Muhammad on the Mountain of Hira? R: Islam	F: Places of Worship KQ: Why are religious buildings important? R: Judaism, Islam, Christianity	F: Holy Books KQ: How and why are Holy Books used? R: Christianity and Islam	F: Communication KQ: Is communication part of religion? R: Islam, Hinduism, Judaism	F: Key beliefs of Islam KQ: What do Muslims believe? R: Islam	F: The Holy Trinity KQ: Does belief in the Trinity help Christians to make better sense of God? R: Christianity

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	Focus: Being thankful	Focus: Harvest	Focus: Harvest	Focus: Praise and Thanks	Focus: Sukkot	Focus: Showing Commitment
Autumn 1 Giving Thanks/ Commitment	Key Question: What do you say thank you for? Discussion Points: What does 'thank you' mean? Why is it important to say thank you? Who do we say thank you to? Why do we say thank you? What do you say thank you for?	Religion: Christianity Key Question: What do Christians thank God for at Harvest time? Discussion Points: What is a famer? Discuss the role that a famer has and what he can provide. When crops are ready, they Harvest them. A harvest festival thanks God for all of the foods that he provides us with. What foods can we thank God for? Why do we thank God?	Religion: Christianity Key Question: How do Christians give thanks? Discussion Points: Where does our food come from? Who brings us our food? Explore how we grow and the importance of food/water for this. Begin to look at being thankful and appreciative. Give thanks for things that give us life e.g water, food, warmth and air. Celebrating harvest.	 Religion: Christianity, Islam Key Question: How do religious people offer praise and thanks to God? Discussion Points: Christian praise in music. Spiritual Gospel singing. Helping others - charity work etc. Praying, dedicating yourself to the religion. Muslim praise of God - in beauty- prayer mat, decoration of the dome. 	Religion: Judaism Key Question: Is there a difference between the Sukkot festival and the Harvest festival? Discussion Points: What is the Jewish festival of Sukkot? Compare to Christian festival of Harvest. Why is it important that we show gratitude and appreciation? How do Jewish people show appreciation to their ancestors?	Religion: Islam Key Question: How can religious people show commitment? Discussion Points: Showing commitment to faith: in attitude, being thankful, in action, helping people in need, local charitie - why is this important? How does this link to religions? Being a good neighbour. Fasting during Ramadan. Giving to charity - Zakat one of the five Pillars of Islam. How do these acts show commitment to faith?
Enrichment / Activities	Thankyou lists Harvest food bank collection	Harvest food bank collection Nature walk - what could religious people thank God for? Nature pictures giving thanks Vegetable printing	Harvest food bank collection Recording food and water consumption to give thanks for it Nature walk - what can we be appreciative / thankful for? Visit to Church	Harvest food bank collection Decorating a dome Learn a hymn Find a way to give thanks without using words	Harvest food bank collection Build a Sukkah shelter Create 'Links of Love' (paper chains, on each chain the children draw someone/thing they are grateful for to decorate their Sukkah.	Harvest food bank collection Charity fundraising Commitment bands – what are you committed to?

	Year 5	Year 6
	Focus:	Focus:
ment	Beliefs, commitment	Buddah's Teachings
	to beliefs	
		Religion:
	Religion:	Buddhism
	Judaism, Christianity	
		Key Question:
S	Key Question:	People give thanks to
	What does it mean	Buddah for his
	to believe?	teachings - did he make
		the world a better
s:	Discussion Points:	place?
ment	What does it mean	N N N N N
ude,	to believe? What	Discussion Points: Do
n	does it mean to be	you think that it is
eople	committed? What	possible for everyone
arities	does it mean to be	to be happy? Is there a
deed	thankful? How do	way to reach the end of
does	you show	suffering? The Buddah
ions?	commitment to	taught a way of life that enabled the end of
	something? Is it	
	important to stand	suffering through
	up for your beliefs? How can we do this	The Noble Eightfold Path:
to	in a safe and	Right understanding, Right
one of	respectful way?	thought, Right speech,
f	respectful way?	Right action, Right livelihood, Right effort, Right mindfulness,
1	Ceremonies of	Right concentration
	commitment:	
ts	baptism,	
nt to	confirmation, bar	
	Mitzvah, weddings.	
	Minzvan, Weadinge.	
	Harvest food bank	Harvest food bank
	collection	collection
_	Role Play a ceremony of	
s – nitted	commitment	
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	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	Focus: The Nativity Story	Focus: The Nativity Story	Focus: Diwali, the Festival of	Focus: Angels / Light as a	Focus: Christmas	Focus: Festivals
Autumn 2 Celebrations	Religion: Christianity Key Question: What is Christmas? Discussion Points: What happens in the Nativity Story? Who are the Key Figures?	Religion: Christianity Key Question: Why do Christians celebrate Christmas? Discussion Points: Why do we have Christmas? What happens at Christmas? Why do Christians celebrate Christmas? Share the Nativity Story.	Light Religion: Hinduism Key Question: Why is the symbol of light important? Discussion Points: Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. Why is the symbol of light important? Why is it important that good, not evil, will prevail? Vishnu preserver.	symbol Religion: Christianity Key Question: Why are Angels important in the Nativity Story? Why is Jesus seen as the light to guide the world? Discussion Points: What are Angels? Why are they important? Which Angels are important in the nativity narrative? Why are they important? Why is light important? What does it help us to do? Why were people so excited for Jesus to be born? Why did people think that Jesus could help and guide others?	 Religion: Christianity Key Question: Does the nativity story have a deeper meaning? Discussion Points: What is the Nativity Story? What happens? Why is Christmas such an important time for Christians? After recapping Nativity Story in detail, discuss different parts and their importance / meanings. Which parts of the Nativity Story, or messages from it, are still very important today? Why is this? 	 Religion: Islam (Eid) and Hinduism (Maha Shivratri) Key Question: Why are celebrations important? Festivals: Why do we celebrate things in religions? What is the importance and message that must be remembered through them? Look at the following celebrations: what are they? Why are they celebrated? What do people do to celebrate? Are there any special
Enrichment / Activities	Nativity production	Role play nativity story Nativity production	Make a Diwali Lantern Visitor to discuss how festival of Diwali is celebrated.	Christingles	Nativity Art Role Play	Eid Crafts Food Party Dress Music Visitors to discuss the importance of celebrations Eid and Maha Shivratri

Year 5

Focus:

Celebrating the achievements and actions of religious people.

Religion: ALL

Key Question: Are Humans the workers of God?

Discussion Points:

e Examine motivationconsider beliefs and actions of Mother Teresa responding to God. Martin Luther King, non-violent action.

Why are these re people important? What have they done that should be celebrated? Why should it be e remembered and celebrated? Although they have carried out their actions in the name of God, has it just been for their religion? Celebrating achievements

of peers - identifying and recognising.

Year 6

Focus:

Christmas

Religion: Christianity

Key Question:

Do modern Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians to understand who Jesus was?

Discussion Points:

What is your Christmas day like? Modern Christmas traditions. How do these reflect the true meaning of Christmas? Do they help us to learn more about the Christmas story?

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:
	Family	Friendship	Heroes	The Unity of Religion	Rules	Animals
Spring 1 Unity and Compassion						
		Friendship and tast huilding		Polo play bantiers	Muslim visitor to discuss	Visit to Duddhist Tanala
Enrichment /		Friendship and teambuilding activities		Role play baptism	Muslim visitor to discuss the importance of rules in	Visit to Buddhist Temple
Activities					religion	

Year 5

Focus: Helping Others

Religion: Christianity, Sikhism

Key Question:

We can all be helpful, but do we help others enough?

Discussion Points:

Jesus was a man who served others – through his miracles, teachings and resurrection he continually looked after Gods people. Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.

The Sikh belief in Seva- service to on others. Seva in the langar.

Year 6

Focus:

Compassion

Religion: Christianity, Buddhism

Key Question:

Could compassion help to solve world issues?

Discussion Points:

Jesus' two commandments "Love God, love one another". Avoiding conflict. What makes you angry? Controlling your anger and avoiding conflict. Showing forgiveness and becoming a peacekeeper.

Karuna – Buddist word for compassion. The Buddha taught that to realize enlightenment, a person must develop two qualities: wisdom and compassion. Wisdom and compassion are sometimes compared to two wings that work together to enable flying or two eyes that work together to see deeply. Why did The Buddah see compassion as being so important? How can being compassionate help us to

compassionate help us to be happy? How can it make the world a better place?

		place?
e	Visit to Gurdwara	

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:
	Life	New Life	Learning to be courageous	The Easter Story	Loss and Change	Jesus' life.
	Key Question:	Religion:		Religion:	Religion:	Religion:
	What makes our world wonderful?	Christianity	Religion: Judaism	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity
		Key Question:		Key Question:	Key Question:	Key Question:
	Discussion Point:	How did Jesus promise	Key Question:	What is the	Were loss or change	Who was Jesus?
	What do you see	new life?	How can you show	importance of Palm	themes in the Easter	
	that makes you		courage?	Sunday?	story?	Discussion Points:
	happy? Where have	Discussion Points:				Jesus as the founder
Spring 2	they come from?	Jesus and the Promise of	Discussion Points:	Discussion Points:	Discussion Points:	of Christianity. Look
Spring 2 New Life	Why are they	new life.	The story of Esther and	The Easter Story-	Death, dying and	at the birth, baptism,
New Life	there?	Story of Easter, the	the Celebration of Purim.	Jesus the man who	eternal life. Dealing	entry into Jerusalem
and Learning		death and resurrection	How and why is it	gave himself. Victory	with loss.	and recap his death.
unu Leur ning		of Jesus to ensure new	celebrated?	in defeat.		Stories about Jesus.
		life could continue.	Introduction to Judaism,		'I'll always love you'.	The Pharisees, The
			key symbols: Torah	Importance of the	Badger's parting gift.	outcasts, The Centurion's servant.
			scroll, Star of David and synagogue. What are	Easter story. Artefacts associated	Explore own belief	Jesus' arrest, trial,
			they? What do they	with it - the cross,	about life and death.	death and
			symbolise? Why are they	Easter eggs to show	Link to Easter and	resurrection.
			important?	new life etc.	symbols.	Sacrifice/Easter- new
						life.
Enrichment /	Nature walk	Explore and collect examples of life changing into new life		Visitor to share		
Activities		e.g seed to grass, bulbs to		significance of Palm Sunday		
		daffodils, acorns to oaks,		Sunday		
		caterpillars to butterflies.				

'ear 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Focus:	Focus:
fe.	Local Study	What are we?
		Conscience and soul
:	Religion:	
nity	Islam	Religion:
		All
estion:	Key Question:	
s Jesus?	An enquiry into	Key Question:
	visiting places of	What am I?
on Points:	worship.	
s the founder		Discussion Points:
tianity. Look	Discussion Points:	Are humans different
irth, baptism,	Exploring the local	from animals? Explore
to Jerusalem	neighbourhood. Can	the chemical
ıp his death.	you find symbols of	ingredients that make
about Jesus.	religious beliefs? Are	up a human being. What
risees, The	there any special	are we? What is our
s, The	religious buildings?	conscience? Is there an
on's servant.		inner soul- the breath
rrest, trial,	What do they look	of life?
nd	like? What is their	
ction.	purpose? What are	
e/Easter- new	their features?	
	Visit a Mosque - pay	
	close attention to	
	the features and	
	Visit to Shell Corner	
	Mosque	

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	Focus: Sharing Religious Stories	Focus: Noah's Ark	Focus: Ganesha	Focus: Religious people as teachers	Focus: Brahma	Focus: Miracles	Focus: Hanukah / Passover	Focus: Pilgrimage
	Religion:	Religion: Christianity	Religion: Hinduism	Religion: Judaism and	Religion: Hinduism	Religion: Christianity	Religion: Judaism	Religion: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism,
Summer 1 Religious Teachings	Key Question: What do we learn from religious stories? Discussion Points: Share a range of stories from any religion. Give children the opportunity to share any religious stories that they know.	Key Question: Why did Noah build an Ark? Discussion Points: What is the story of Noah? Why did he build an ark? Who/What did he save? What promise did Noah make to God? What is a promise? What does the story mean? What could we do to be better citizens?	Key Question: Why does Ganesha have an elephant head? Discussion Points: Who is Lord Shiva/Ganesha/ Pavarti? Why did Lord Shiva cut off Ganesha's head? Why does an elephant head give Ganesha infinite wisdom?	Christianity Key Question: Why are religious teachings important? Discussion Points: Christianity - What did Jesus teach? God created the world in 7 days, Jesus was God's son and preformed miracles. Highlight importance of prayer, forgiveness and kindness. Judaism - one God who created the universe, every Jew has a personal and individual relationship	Key Question: How can Brahma be everywhere and in everything? Discussion Points: Who was Brahma? What did Brahma do? How could Brahma be described as 'everywhere' and 'in everything'?	Key Question: Can miracles happen? Discussion Points: What is a miracle? What do they look like in the modern world? What do religious miracles mean? Jesus feeding the 5000 "I am the bread of life". Jesus as the spiritual symbol of nourishment. Giving of himself, the last supper. Helping the blind to see again etc.	Key Question: What is the importance of light as a religious symbol? Discussion Points: The Light that wouldn't go out Judaism and the Jewish people. Abraham- covenant. Moses- the exodus. God's People continued to survive. Passover, Hanukah.	Hinduism and Buddhism Key Question: Do pilgrimages help people get closer to God? Discussion Points: What is a pilgrimage? Why are they important? C: Jerusalem in Israel, birth/death/ Resurrection of Jesus. J: Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, all that remains of Jewish temple they are instructed to visit in the Torah. I: The Hajj, Mecca S:Nankana Sahib in Pakistan, celebrate birth of founder Guru Nanak in birth place. H:Kumbh Mela - river Ganges
				with God. God affects everything that they do.				in India, purify themselves in water. B: Gangetic Plains of Northern India and Southern Nepal, where Gautama Buddah lived and taught.
Enrichment / Activities	Oracy Story telling	Art, Animal knowledge Visit from Salvation Army			Visit to Hindu Temple	Give children bread, can they try and feed the class? No? Why? So, what is a miracle? Role play of miracles	Passover plate Visitor from Jewish faith to discuss importance of light- Hanukah celebration	Find all countries / areas of interest on map to give wider context Visitors from range of faiths to discuss the importance of pilgrimage.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:	Focus:
	The Creation Story	Creation Stories	The Prophet of God	Places of Worship	Holy Books	Communication
	Religion:	Religion:	Religion:	Religion:	Religion:	Religion:
	Christianity	Christianity	Islam	Judaism, Islam and Christianity	Christianity and Islam	Islam, Hinduism and Judaism
	Key Question:	Key Question:	Key Question:	,	Key Question:	
	What do Christians	How do Christians believe	What happened to	Key Question:	How and why are Holy	Key Question:
	believe God created?	that the world was created?	Muhammad on the mountain of Hira?	Why are religious buildings important?	books used?	Is communication part of religion?
	Discussion Points:				Discussion Points:	
Summer	What is the creation	Discussion Points:	The Prophet of God	Discussion Points:	What are Holy Books?	Discussion Points:
Junner	story? What	How (according to the	Introduction to Islam.	Judaism -synagogue,	Why are they	Ways in which we
2	happened? Who do	bible/Christians) was the	Crescent moon,	symbols associated	important? What do	communicate.
6	Christians believe	world created? How many	mosque, prayer mat.	with synagogues,	they teach? Recap Holy	Can we communicat
Beliefs,	created the world?	days did it take? What did	Introduction to who	importance of a special	Books for Judaism,	with God?
Books and	What did God create?	God do on each day?	Muhammed was. Started to preach the	place to worship God.	Islam, Hinduism.	Do we have to use words?
Buildings			word of God and tell people about him after the Angel Gabriel	Islam – mosque, symbols associated with mosques/Islam,	Explore how the bible is used. Why is it so important to	Praising/Asking. Th Lord's prayer.
			came to speak to him. He had decided to	importance of a special place to worship Allah.	Christians? The Old/New Testament.	Who? What? Wher Where? Why? Of
			walk up Mount Hira		The Bible in English.	prayer for all 3
			near Mecca and the angel came to him as	Christianity – churches, symbols associated	Discuss features of the	religions.
			he rested in the cave.	with churches, the	Quran and the Torah,	
			He started to spread	importance of a special	what are they? How are	
			the word of	place to worship God.	they written? Are	
			God/Allah.		there any special	
					features/practices?	
Enrichment /	Looking at all of the	Sequencing events		Visit to Mosque		
Activities	things that God Created.					

	Year 5	Year 6
	Focus: Key Beliefs of Islam	Focus: The Holy Trinity
d	Religion: Islam	Religion: Christians
	Key Question: Discussion Points: Explore key beliefs of Islam. God, Muhammad, the Qur'an. Muslim worship, the Five	Key Question: Does belief in the trinity help Christians to make better sense of God as a whole? Discussion Points: What is the Holy
е	pillars of Islam. Showing obedience. Friday Prayer. Halal and Haram food.	Trinity? Why is it important? How does it make sense of God as a whole?
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		Visit to Church Visit to Mosque