

Religious Education

Purpose of Study

Religious Education is not a statutory part of the National Curriculum but state-funded, local authority schools must provide a basic curriculum. The curriculum for a maintained school must be a balanced and broadly based one which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and of society, and prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life (Section 279 (1) School Standards and Framework Act.).

Breadth and depth can be achieved in RE, if the following are taken into account:

- RE should provide opportunities for pupils to develop positive attitudes and values and to reflect and relate their learning in RE to their own experience.
- Building on the statutory requirements, it is recommended that there should be a wide-ranging study of religion and belief across the key stages as a whole.
- Not all religions need to be studied at the same depth or in each key stage, but all studied should be studied in a way that is coherent, promoting progression.

Taken from: [Religious education in local-authority-maintained schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Religious Education - Brede Primary School

INTENT

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.

- Reflection – Reflecting on feelings, relationships, experience, ultimate questions, beliefs and practices
- Empathy – Considering the thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others; developing the ability to identify feelings such as love, wonder, forgiveness and sorrow; seeing the world through the eyes of others, and seeing issues from their point of view.
- Investigation – Asking relevant questions; knowing how to gather information from a variety of sources; knowing what may constitute evidence for justifying beliefs in religion.
- Interpretation – Drawing meaning from artefacts, works of art, music, poetry and symbolism; interpreting religious language; suggesting meanings of religious texts.
- Evaluation – Debating issues of religious significance with reference to evidence and argument.
- Analysis – Distinguishing between opinion and fact; distinguishing between the features of different religions.
- Synthesis – Linking significant features of religion together in a coherent pattern; connecting different aspects of life into a meaningful whole.
- Application – Making the association between religion and individual, community, national and international life and global issues.
- Expression – Explaining concepts, rituals and practices; expressing religious views, and responding to religious questions through a variety of media.

IMPLEMENTATION

We aim to provide creative and co-operative ways for the pupils to learn together so that all can succeed. As such we follow a skills based curriculum and we have aimed to create a document based around the key skills we see as relevant for life in the 21st Century. We believe that a curriculum heavily based on knowledge is no longer relevant, as knowledge is now so readily available at our fingertips. Instead, we want to foster in our pupils a love of learning, and develop their creativity and critical thinking through skills such as collaboration, research, problem solving, presentation, evaluation and reflection. These skills are reflected through the objectives identified in each subject area to help us develop confident, excited and proud learners who will be our leaders of the future and become a dynamic, adaptable workforce with high

levels of reasoning and problem solving skills. We follow the East Sussex Agreed Syllabus (2022-2027) – Faith and Belief in the 21st Century and predominantly use RE Today and Understanding Christianity units of work.

IMPACT

Our RE curriculum will ensure that by the time children leave they will:

- Have an excellent knowledge of a range of religions.
- Be able to apply the skills identified in the intent – not just to learning about religious education, but in wider study too.

Religious Education – Skills Progression

| | KS1 | God | Creation | Incarnation | Gospel | Salvation |
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| Make sense of belief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify core beliefs and concepts studied and give a simple description of what they mean</i> • <i>Give examples of how stories show what people believe (e.g. the meaning behind a festival)</i> • <i>Give clear, simple accounts of what stories and other texts mean to believers.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify what a parable is • Tell the story of the Lost Son from the Bible simply and recognise a link with the Christian idea of God as a forgiving Father. • Give clear, simple accounts of what the story means to Christians | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the story of creation from Genesis 1:1–2.3 simply. • Recognise that 'Creation' is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible. • Say what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians. • Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell stories from the Bible and recognise a link with the concept of 'Gospel' or good news. • Give clear, simple accounts of what Bible texts (such as the story of Matthew the tax collector) mean to Christians. • Recognise that Jesus gives instructions to people about how to behave. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible. • Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people). • Recognise that Jesus gives instructions about how to behave. |
| Understand the impact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Give examples of how people use stories, texts and teachings to guide their beliefs and actions</i> • <i>Give examples of ways in which believers put their beliefs into practice</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give at least two examples of a way in which Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving (e.g. by saying sorry, by seeing God as welcoming them back; by forgiving others) • Give an example of how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship (e.g. by saying sorry to God) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give at least one example of what Christians do to say thank you to God for Creation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give at least two examples of ways in which Christians follow the teachings studied about forgiveness and peace, and bringing good news to the friendless. • Give at least two examples of how Christians put these beliefs into practice in the Church community and their own lives (for example: charity, confession). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter. |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Make connections</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Think, talk and ask questions about whether the ideas they have been studying, have something to say to them.</i> • <i>Give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think, talk and ask questions about whether they can learn anything from the story for themselves, exploring different ideas • Give a reason for the ideas they have and the connections they make. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think, talk and ask questions about living in an amazing world • Give a reason for the ideas they have and the connections they make between the Christian/Jewish Creation story and the world they live in. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide what they personally have to be thankful for, giving a reason for their ideas • Think, talk and ask questions about Christmas for people who are Christians and for people who are not. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think, talk and ask questions about whether Jesus' 'good news' is only good news for Christians, or if there are things for anyone to learn about how to live, giving a good reason for their ideas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think, talk and ask questions about whether the story of Easter only has something to say to Christians, or if it has anything to say to pupils about sadness, hope or heaven, exploring different ideas and giving a good reason for their ideas. |
| | KS1 | Jews | Muslims | Sacred places | World and others | Belonging |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Make sense of belief</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify core beliefs and concepts studied and give a simple description of what they mean</i> • <i>Give examples of how stories show what people believe (e.g. the meaning behind a festival)</i> • <i>Give clear, simple accounts of what stories and other texts mean to believers.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the words of the Shema as a Jewish prayer • Re-tell simply some stories used in Jewish celebrations (e.g. Chanukah) • Give examples of how the stories used in celebrations (e.g. Shabbat, Chanukah) remind Jews about what God is like. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the words of the Shahadah and that it is very important for Muslims • Identify some of the key Muslim beliefs about God found in the Shahadah and the 99 names, and give a simple description of what some of them mean • Give examples of how stories about the Prophet show what Muslims believe about Muhammad. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that there are special places where people go to worship, and talk about what people do there • Identify at least three objects used in worship in two religions and give a simple account of how they are used and something about what they mean • Identify a belief about worship and a belief about God, connecting these beliefs simply to a place of worship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a story or text that says something about each person being unique and valuable • Give an example of a key belief some people find in one of these stories (e.g. that God loves all people) • Give a clear, simple account of what Genesis 1 tells Christians and Jews about the natural world | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that loving others is important in lots of communities. • Say simply what Jesus and one other religious leader taught about loving other people. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Understand the impact</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Think, talk and ask questions about whether the ideas they have been studying, have something to say to them.</i> • <i>Give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about what they think is good about reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering for Jewish people, giving a good reason for their ideas • Give a good reason for their ideas about whether reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering have something to say to them too. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think, talk about and ask questions about Muslim beliefs and ways of living • Talk about what they think is good for Muslims about prayer, respect, celebration and self-control, giving a good reason for their ideas • Give a good reason for their ideas about whether prayer, respect, celebration and self-control have something to say to them too. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think, talk and ask good questions about what happens in a church, synagogue or mosque, saying what they think about these questions, giving good reasons for their ideas • Talk about what makes some places special to people, and what the difference is between religious and non-religious special places. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think, talk and ask questions about what difference believing in God makes to how people treat each other and the natural world • Give good reasons why everyone (religious and non-religious) should care for others and look after the natural world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give examples of ways in which people express their identity and belonging within faith communities and other communities, responding sensitively to differences. • Talk about what they think is good about being in a community, for people in faith communities and for themselves, giving a good reason for their ideas. |

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| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Make connections</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give examples of how people use stories, texts and teachings to guide their beliefs and actions Give examples of ways in which believers put their beliefs into practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times (e.g. Shabbat, Sukkot, Chanukah) Make links between Jewish ideas of God found in the stories and how people live Give an example of how some Jewish people might remember God in different ways (e.g. mezuzah, on Shabbat) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give examples of how Muslims use the Shahadah to show what matters to them Give examples of how Muslims use stories about the Prophet to guide their beliefs and actions (e.g. care for creation, fast in Ramadan) Give examples of how Muslims put their beliefs about prayer into action. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give examples of stories, objects, symbols and actions used in churches, mosques and/or synagogues which show what people believe Give simple examples of how people worship at a church, mosque or synagogue Talk about why some people like to belong to a sacred building or a community. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give an example of how people show that they care for others (e.g. by giving to charity), making a link to one of the stories Give examples of how Christians and Jews can show care for the natural earth Say why Christians and Jews might look after the natural world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give an account of what happens at a traditional Christian and Jewish or Muslim welcome ceremony, and suggest what the actions and symbols mean. Identify at least two ways people show they love each other and belong to each other when they get married (Christian and/or Jewish and non-religious). |
| | <p>LKS2</p> | <p>Creation</p> | <p>People of God</p> | <p>Incarnation/ God</p> | <p>Gospel</p> | |
| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Make sense of belief</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts studied Make clear links between texts/sources of authority and the key concepts studied Offer suggestions about what texts/sources of authority can mean and give examples of what these sources mean to believers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place the concepts of God and Creation on a timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story' Make clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and Creation Recognise that the story of 'the Fall' in Genesis 3 gives an explanation of why things go wrong in the world | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make clear links between the story of Noah and the idea of covenant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise what a 'Gospel' is and give an example of the kinds of stories it contains Offer suggestions about what texts about baptism and Trinity mean. Give examples of what these texts mean to some Christians today | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify this as part of a 'Gospel', which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. Make clear links between the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus and be 'fishers of people'. Suggest ideas and then find out about what Jesus' actions towards outcasts mean for a Christian | |
| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Understand the impact</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make simple links between stories, teachings and concepts studied and how people live, individually and in communities Describe how people show their beliefs in how they worship and in the way they live Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe what Christians do because they believe God is Creator (e.g. follow God, wonder at how amazing God's creation is; care for the earth – some specific ways) Describe how and why Christians might pray to God, say sorry and ask for forgiveness. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make simple links between promises in the story of Noah and promises that Christians make at a wedding ceremony | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship in different ways (in baptism and prayer, for example) and in the way they live | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give examples of how Christians try to show love for all, including how Christian leaders try to follow Jesus' teaching in different ways | |

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| Make connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Raise important questions and suggest answers about how far the beliefs and practices studied might make a difference to how pupils think and live</i> • <i>Make links between some of the beliefs and practices studied and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly.</i> • <i>Give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the Creation story for Christians and for non-Christians living today | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make links between the story of Noah and how we live in school and the wider world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make links between some Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity, expressing clearly some ideas of their own about what Christians believe God is like | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make links between the importance of love in the Bible stories studied and life in the world today, giving a good reason for their ideas. |
| | LKS2 | Salvation | Kingdom of God | Hindus & God | Hindus in Britain |
| Make sense of belief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts studied</i> • <i>Make clear links between texts/sources of authority and the key concepts studied</i> • <i>Offer suggestions about what texts/sources of authority can mean and give examples of what these sources mean to believers</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the word 'Salvation', and that Christians believe Jesus came to 'save' or 'rescue' people, e.g. by showing them how to live. • Offer informed suggestions about what the events of Holy Week mean to Christians • Give examples of what Christians say about the importance of the events of Holy Week | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear links between the story of Pentecost and Christian beliefs about the 'Kingdom of God' on earth. • Offer informed suggestions about what the events of Pentecost in Acts 2 might mean • Give examples of what Pentecost means to some Christians now | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some Hindu deities and say how they help Hindus describe God • Make clear links between some stories (e.g. Svetaketu, Ganesh, Diwali) and what Hindus believe about God • Offer informed suggestions about what Hindu murtis express about God | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the terms dharma, Sanatana Dharma and Hinduism and say what they mean • Make links between Hindu practices and the idea that Hinduism is a whole 'way of life' (dharma) |
| Understand the impact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make simple links between stories, teachings and concepts studied and how people live, individually and in communities</i> • <i>Describe how people show their beliefs in how they worship and in the way they live</i> • <i>Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into practice</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make simple links between the Gospel accounts and how Christians mark the Easter events in their communities • Describe how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus in worship in different ways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make simple links between the description of Pentecost in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God, and how Christians live now. • Describe how Christians show their beliefs about the Holy Spirit in worship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make simple links between beliefs about God and how Hindus live (e.g. choosing a deity and worshiping at a home shrine; celebrating Diwali) • Identify some different ways in which Hindus worship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how Hindus show their faith within their families in Britain today (e.g. home puja). • Describe how Hindus show their faith within their faith communities in Britain today (e.g. arti and bhajans at the mandir; in festivals such as Diwali) • Identify some different ways in which Hindus show their faith (e.g. between different communities in Britain, or between Britain and parts of India) |

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| Make connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Raise important questions and suggest answers about how far the beliefs and practices studied might make a difference to how pupils think and live</i> • <i>Make links between some of the beliefs and practices studied and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly.</i> • <i>Give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise thoughtful questions and suggest some answers about why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday', giving good reasons for their suggestions. <p>The Christianity unit outcomes are taken from <i>Understanding Christianity</i>, published by RE Today © 2016. Used by permission.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make links between ideas about the Kingdom of God in the Bible and what people believe about following God today, giving good reasons for their ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good to think about the cycle of create/preserve/destroy in the world today • Make links between the Hindu idea of everyone having a 'spark' of God in them and ideas about the value of people in the world today, giving good reasons for their ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise questions and suggest answers about what is good about being a Hindu in Britain today, and whether taking part in family and community rituals is a good thing for individuals and society, giving good reasons for their ideas |
| | LKS2 | Muslims | Jews | Stages of Life | Make the world better |
| Make sense of belief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts studied</i> • <i>Make clear links between texts/sources of authority and the key concepts studied</i> • <i>Offer suggestions about what texts/sources of authority can mean and give examples of what these sources mean to believers</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some beliefs about God in Islam, expressed in Surah 1. • Make clear links between beliefs about God and <i>ibadah</i> (e.g. how God is worth worshipping; how Muslims submit to God) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some Jewish beliefs about God, sin and forgiveness and describe what they mean. • Make clear links between the story of the Exodus and Jewish beliefs about God and his relationship with the Jewish people • Offer informed suggestions about the meaning of the Exodus story for Jews today | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some beliefs about love, commitment and promises in two religious traditions and describe what they mean. • Offer informed suggestions about the meaning and importance of ceremonies of commitment for religious and non-religious people today | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some beliefs about why the world is not always a good place (e.g. Christian ideas of sin). • Make links between religious beliefs and teachings and why people try to live and make the world a better place |
| Understand the impact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make simple links between stories, teachings and concepts studied and how people live, individually and in communities</i> • <i>Describe how people show their beliefs in how they worship and in the way they live</i> • <i>Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into practice</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give examples of <i>ibadah</i> (worship) in Islam (e.g. prayer, fasting, celebrating) and describe what they involve. • Make links between Muslim beliefs about God and a range of ways in which Muslims worship (e.g. in prayer and fasting, as a family and as a community, at home and in the mosque) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make simple links between Jewish beliefs about God and his people and how Jews live (e.g. through celebrating forgiveness, salvation and freedom at festivals) • Describe how Jews show their beliefs through worship in festivals, both at home and in wider communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe what happens in ceremonies of commitment (e.g. baptism, sacred thread, marriage) and say what these rituals mean. • Make simple links between beliefs about love and commitment and how people in at least two religious traditions live (e.g. through celebrating forgiveness, salvation and freedom at festivals) • Identify some differences in how people celebrate commitment (e.g. different practices of marriage, or Christian baptism) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make simple links between teachings about how to live and ways in which people try to make the world a better place (e.g. tikkun olam and the charity Tzedek) • Describe some examples of how people try to live (e.g. individuals and organisations) • Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into action |

| Make connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Raise important questions and suggest answers about how far the beliefs and practices studied might make a difference to how pupils think and live</i> • <i>Make links between some of the beliefs and practices studied and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly.</i> • <i>Give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise questions and suggest answers about the value of submission and self-control to Muslims, and whether there are benefits for people who are not Muslims • Make links between the Muslim idea of living in harmony with the Creator and the need for all people to live in harmony with each other in the world today, giving good reasons for their ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good for Jews and everyone else to remember the past and look forward to the future. • Make links with the value of personal reflection, saying sorry, being forgiven, being grateful, seeking freedom and justice in the world today, including pupils' own lives, and giving good reasons for their ideas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good for everyone to see life as journey, and to mark the milestones. • Make links between ideas of love, commitment and promises in religious and non-religious ceremonies. • Give good reasons why they think ceremonies of commitment are or are not valuable today | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise questions and suggest answers about why the world is not always a good place, and what are the best ways of making it better • Make links between some commands for living from religious traditions, non-religious worldviews and pupils' own ideas • Express their own ideas about the best ways to make the world a better place, making links with religious ideas studied, giving good reasons for their views |
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| | UKS2 | God | Creation | Incarnation | Gospel |
| Make sense of belief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify and explain the core beliefs and concepts studied, using examples from sources of authority in religions</i> • <i>Describe examples of ways in which people use texts/sources of authority to make sense of core beliefs and concepts</i> • <i>Give meanings for texts/sources of authority studied, comparing these ideas with ways in which believers interpret texts/sources of authority</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some different types of biblical texts, using technical terms accurately. • Explain connections between biblical texts and Christian ideas of God, using theological terms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is, and its purpose. • Taking account of the context, suggest what Genesis 1 might mean, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different interpretations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible. • Identify Gospel and prophecy texts, using technical terms. • Explain connections between biblical texts, Incarnation and Messiah, using theological terms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify features of Gospel texts (for example, teachings, parable, narrative). • Taking account of the context, suggest meanings of Gospel texts studied, and compare their own ideas with ways in which Christians interpret biblical texts |
| Understand the impact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make clear connections between what people believe and how they live, individually and in communities</i> • <i>Using evidence and examples, show how and why people put their beliefs into practice in different ways, e.g. in different communities, denominations or cultures</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe about God; for example, through how cathedrals are designed. • Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator. • Show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' Incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas. • Comment on how the idea that Jesus is the Messiah makes sense in the wider story of the Bible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between Gospel texts, Jesus' 'good news', and how Christians live in the Christian community and in their individual lives |

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| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Make connections</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make connections between the beliefs and practices studied, evaluating and explaining their importance to different people (e.g. believers and atheists)</i> • <i>Reflect on and articulate lessons people might gain from the beliefs/practices studied, including their own responses, recognising that others may think differently.</i> • <i>Consider and weigh up how ideas studied in this unit relate to their own experiences and experiences of the world today, developing insights of their own and giving good reasons for the views they have and the connections they make.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weigh up how biblical ideas and teachings about God as holy and loving might make a difference in the world today, developing insights of their own | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key ideas arising from their study of Genesis 1 and comment on how far these are helpful or inspiring, justifying their responses. • Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account, giving good reasons for their views | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weigh up how far the idea of Jesus as the ‘Messiah’ — a Saviour from God — is important in the world today and, if it is true, what difference that might make in people’s lives, giving good reasons for their answers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make connections between Christian teachings (e.g. about peace, forgiveness, healing) and the issues, problems and opportunities in the world today, including their own lives. • Articulate their own responses to the issues studied, recognising different points of view |
| | <p>UKS2</p> | <p>Salvation</p> | <p>Kingdoms of God</p> | <p>Hindus</p> | <p>Muslims</p> |
| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Make sense of belief</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify and explain the core beliefs and concepts studied, using examples from sources of authority in religions</i> • <i>Describe examples of ways in which people use texts/sources of authority to make sense of core beliefs and concepts</i> • <i>Give meanings for texts/sources of authority studied, comparing these ideas with ways in which believers interpret texts/sources of authority</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline the timeline of the ‘big story’ of the Bible, explaining how Incarnation and Salvation fit within it. • Explain what Christians mean when they say that Jesus’ death was a sacrifice, using theological terms. • Suggest meanings for narratives of Jesus’ death/resurrection, comparing their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret these texts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain connections between biblical texts and the concept of the Kingdom of God. • Consider different possible meanings for the biblical texts studied, showing awareness of different interpretations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and explain Hindu beliefs, e.g. dharma, karma, samsara, moksha, using technical terms accurately. • Give meanings for the story of the man in the well and explain how it relates to Hindu beliefs about samsara, moksha etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and explain Muslim beliefs about God, the Prophet and the Holy Qur’an (e.g. tawhid; Muhammad as the Messenger, Qur’an as the message). • Describe ways in which Muslim sources of authority guide Muslim living (e.g. Qur’an guidance on five pillars; hajj practices follow example of the Prophet) |
| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Understand the impact</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make clear connections between what people believe and how they live, individually and in communities</i> • <i>Using evidence and examples, show how and why people put their beliefs into practice in different ways, e.g. in different communities, denominations or cultures</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between the Christian belief in Jesus’ death as a sacrifice and how Christians celebrate Holy Communion/Lord’s Supper. • Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in different ways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between belief in the Kingdom of God and how Christians put their beliefs into practice. • Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in different ways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between Hindu beliefs about dharma, karma, samsara and moksha and ways in which Hindus live • Connect the four Hindu aims of life and the four stages of life with beliefs about dharma, karma, moksha etc. • Give evidence and examples to show how Hindus put their beliefs into practice in different ways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between Muslim beliefs and <i>ibadah</i> (e.g. Five Pillars, festivals, mosques, art) • Give evidence and examples to show how Muslims put their beliefs into practice in different ways |

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| | <p>UKS2</p> | <p>Jews</p> | <p>Humanists Christians</p> | <p>Why believe in God</p> | <p>Life gets hard</p> |
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| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Understand the impact</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make clear connections between what people believe and how they live, individually and in communities</i> • <i>Using evidence and examples, show how and why people put their beliefs into practice in different ways, e.g. in different communities, denominations or cultures</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between Jewish beliefs about the Torah and how they use and treat it • Make clear connections between Jewish commandments and how Jews live (e.g. in relation to kosher laws) • Give evidence and examples to show how Jewish people put their beliefs into practice in different ways (e.g. some differences between orthodox and progressive Jewish practice) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between Christian and Humanist ideas about being good and how people live • Suggest reasons why it might be helpful to follow a moral code and why it might be difficult, offering different points of view • Give evidence and examples to show how Jewish people put their beliefs into practice in different ways (e.g. some differences between orthodox and progressive Jewish practice) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between what people believe about God and the impact of this belief on how they live • Give evidence and examples to show how Christians sometimes disagree about what God is like (e.g. some differences in interpreting Genesis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make clear connections between what people believe about God and how they respond to challenges in life (e.g. suffering, bereavement) • Give examples of ways in which beliefs about resurrection/judgement/ heaven/ karma/ reincarnation make a difference to how someone lives |

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Religious – Curriculum Plan

Due to the changing class arrangements to meet the needs of a school intake of 20 children per year, units are not specifically taught in given terms. The Curriculum Plan below is sequenced according to progression of skills to enable skills development and cohesion across the curriculum, with the intention that children work their way through the yearly cycles. However units within the cycle may be reorganised according to the termly topic in order to make cross-curricular links. This curriculum is reviewed by class teachers annually to ensure children do not repeat units.

| | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | Term 5 | Term 6 |
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| Reception | | | | | | |
| Cycle A | <i>Being Special: Where do we belong?</i> | <i>Why is Christmas special for Christians?</i> | <i>Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?</i> | <i>Why is Easter special to Christians?</i> | <i>Which stories are special and why?</i> | <i>Which places are special and why?</i> |
| Strand | Christianity | Christianity | Thematic study | Christianity | Thematic study | Thematic study |
| Year 1 | | | | | | |
| Cycle A | <i>What does it mean to belong to a faith community?</i> | <i>Why does Christmas matter to Christians?</i> | <i>What do Christians believe God is like?</i> | <i>Why does Easter matter to Christians?</i> | <i>What is the 'Good News' Christians believe Jesus brings?</i> | <i>What makes some places sacred to believers?</i> |
| Strand | Thematic study | Christianity | Christianity | Christianity | Christianity | Thematic study |
| Year 2/3 | | | | | | |

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| Cycle A | <i>Who do Christians say made the world?</i> | <i>Who is Jewish and how do they live? (Part 1)</i> | <i>Who is Muslim and how do they live? (Part 1)</i> | <i>Who is Jewish and how do they live? (Part 2)</i> | <i>Who is Muslim and how do they live? (Part 2)</i> | <i>How should we care for the world and for others and why does it matter?</i> |
| Strand | Christianity | World Faiths | World Faiths | World Faiths | World Faiths | Thematic study |
| Year 4/5 | | | | | | |
| Cycle A | <i>What is it like for someone to follow God? (Christians)</i> | <i>What do Hindus believe that God is like?</i> | <i>What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?</i> | <i>Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?</i> | <i>For Christians, when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?</i> | <i>How and why do people try to make the world a better place?</i> |
| Strand | Christianity | World Faiths | World Faiths | Christianity | Christianity | Thematic study |
| Year 5/6 | | | | | | |
| Cycle A | <i>What does it mean if Christians believe God is Holy?</i> | <i>Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?</i> | <i>What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?</i> | <i>Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?</i> | <i>Christians and how to live: 'What would Jesus do?'</i> | <i>How does faith help people when life gets hard?</i> |
| Strand | Christianity | Christianity | World Faiths | World Faiths | Christianity | Thematic study |