

Curriculum Plan for RE at Key Stages 1 and 2 2023 Syllabus

Year Group	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
EYFS	Ourselves – how and why we are special.	Our families and how we celebrate Christmas. Divali	Our community – people who help us.	Special family celebrations. e.g. What happens at a wedding or when a baby is born?	Stories from the Bible.	Stories from different cultures or religions.
Year 1	Christianity Who is Jesus? What was life like for Jesus? Why is he special?	Christianity Celebrations – How do people celebrate birthdays? What is the meaning of Christmas and advent? Look at Hannukah and Divali.	Judaism What makes Judaism special? Explore family life – special clothes, places of worship, Shabbat, Torah, holy day.	Judaism What is a Jewish festival? What do they celebrate? Look at Hanukah.	Christianity What is the Bible and why is it special? Include stories e.g. include, Christmas and Easter story, creation, Moses, David and Goliath, parables e.g. Good Samaritan	World Views Begin to introduce what our world looks like and the different people that belong in this world. Unit Plan – People and the World Around Us
Year 2	Harvest and Thanksgiving. How and why do people celebrate? Introduce other religions: Christian (harvest) Jewish (Sukkot) Hindu (Divali) Unit Plan – Who celebrates Harvest? Harvest For All?	Christianity What makes a Christian person special? Christian family life - what do they do as a family? Are there any special places they to? Can you remember visiting a Church? Link to family Christmas traditions.	Sikhism What makes Sikhism special? Who is a Sikh? What do Sikh's believe? Who is special? Gurdwara – place of worship. Sikh food. Kara – bracelet.	Sikhism How do the stories from the gurus affect Sikh children's lives?	Christianity What makes a church a special place for Christian people? Include a church visit [look at any stories connected to the church, stained glass windows, colours for different seasons, e.g. purple at Easter]	To begin to understand who lives in our community. Unit Plan – Who is in our community?

Year 3	Islam What makes Islam special? Explore family life – special clothes, places of worship, holy day, stories. Muslim visitor in school.	Islam How is a mosque important to Muslims? Additional unit near Christmas – Is Christmas today about Jesus?	Christianity Why do Christians pray and worship? Where can Christians pray? Look at different places of Christian worship e.g. Quaker meeting house, Pentecostal church, Baptist chapel etc. What is a prayer?	Christianity Why was Jesus important? What was he trying to teach people? Include stories e.g. Loaves and Fishes, Miracle of the Blind Man, Solomon Builds a Temple.	World Views What is peace and should we give it a chance? Look at peace across different religions.	Big Question Whose world is it and should we look after it?
Year 4	Hinduism What makes Hinduism special? What do Hindus believe? How do they worship? Peterborough Temple visit/ Hindu visitor in school	Hinduism What do Hindus celebrate? Look at Divali. Link to significance of light when celebrating Christmas.	World Views What makes an inspirational leader? Who do you think is inspirational? Look at real living examples. Unit Plan – People of Faith	Christianity Look at the Easter story in the Bible. What are the Gospels? (Stories of Jesus) What do they tell us? Why are they different? Cycle of the Christian year. Pilgrimages – where to and why?	World Views What do people believe about the creation of our world? Look at creation stories from different religions/cultures? Include scientific/evolution. Unit Plan – How was the world created? To understand different perspectives on creation.	Big Question How does religion help us? Why is it important to help and give? Look at charities. Do other religions give? Do you have to be religious to help others?

Year 5	Judaism What does it mean to be a Jew? Different groups of Jewish people [traditional and progressive]. Shabbat, Shalom, Sukkot, calendar. Festivals – Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Explore the Torah. How is it similar to the Bible?	Christianity Does the Bible help us decide what is right and wrong? Look at the 10 Commandments. What would yours be? Look at the Lord’s prayer – explore origin and meaning. How is used in worship today. Write own prayer/wise words. Explore the British values. Who else tells us what is right and wrong.	Non religious beliefs What do Humanists believe? How do they decide what to believe? What do they believe about happiness? What do humanists celebrate and what do they tell us about their values? What is Atheism? What do you believe?	Big Question What makes a good person/bad person? What do different world views say? Unit Plan – How should we treat each other? To begin to understand and compare ideas of how we should treat and look after the people around us.
Year 6	Islam What do Muslims believe? 5 Pillars of Islam [Sunni] Obligatory Islamic Acts [Shia] Mohammed, Koran, Hajj, 99 article, stories. Visit to Mosque/Muslim visitor in school.	Buddhism What does it mean to be a Buddhist? Who is Buddha? Temples and shrines, works of sacred art, 8 fold path, Siddhartha, 4 noble truths, Samsara, key festivals – Wesak and Dharma Day. Buddhism around the world. Enlightenment – pilgrimage to the Bodhi tree. Could I be a Buddhist?	World Views Art and Music in Religion. Look at how different religions depict religious figures/ stories in Art. Explore religious music – how does it make you feel?	Big Question What happens when we die? Look at different world views. Hinduism – reincarnation. Buddhism – rebirth. Christianity - Heaven Humanism/Atheism