

Purpose of study

Schools are required to teach RE, but it isn't part of the National Curriculum; this means that, although they provide guidance on what to teach and the aims of learning about RE, these are non-statutory. As a maintained school, we follow a course of study decided on by our local education authority. This programme of study is known as the 'Local Agreed Syllabus': an RE syllabus which has been designed by the local authority in line with Section 375(3) of the Education Act 1996. This law requires that the Locally Agreed Syllabus reflects: 'That the religious traditions of Great Britain are in the main Christian whilst taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religious represented in Great Britain.'

Aims

- Pupils should develop understanding of concepts and mastery of skills to make sense of religion and belief, at an appropriate level of challenge for their age.
- 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 that are studied should be studied in a way that is coherent and promotes progression.
- Pupils should have the opportunity to learn that there are those who do not hold religious beliefs and have their own philosophical perspectives, and subject matter should facilitate integration and promotion of shared values.
- The study of religion should be based on the legal requirements and provide an appropriate balance between and within Christianity, other principal religions, and, where appropriate other religious traditions and worldviews, across the key stages as a whole, making appropriate links with other parts of the curriculum and its cross-curricular dimensions.

EYFS -see Development Matters 2021 for detailed examples of how to support learning in EYFS

<u>Understanding the world</u> involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

Birth – 3 Year Olds	3-4 Year olds	Children in Reception EYFS Framework			
 Look and talk about photos and listen to songs, about a wide variety of different celebrations within different religions and cultures: Birthday / Christmas / Bar Mitzvah / Eid / Diwali / Harvest 	 Give examples of special occasions and suggest features of a good celebration Recall simple stories connected with Christmas/Harvest/ Diwali and Eid Say why festivals are special times for believers of different faiths 	is special			



- Choose to share their favourite book or story with an adult and with peers
- Talk about and look at a wide variety of different books – including the bible and Qur'an
- Talk about their home and what they like about it
- Look at and talk about photos of different buildings

 churches, mosques, temples
- Talk about the wonders of the natural world
- Show concern for living creatures
- Look after their environment tidy up

- Talk about/ recall some religious stories e.g. through role play, art, model making
- Share features of a story that they like and explain why
- Identify a sacred text e.g. Bible, Qur'an
- Identify that the Bible and Qur'an are special

- Know that the church is a holy place for a Christian, a mosque is a holy place for a Muslim and a temple is a holy place for a Hindu
- Identify some significant features/ objects found inside and outside a Church or Mosque
- Identify new vocabulary
- Talk about some of the things Christians and Muslims do when they are visiting a Church or Mosque
- Talk about the wonders of the natural world
- Express ideas about how to care for animals and plants
- Re-tell stories to explain Christian and Muslim ideas about Creation and the natural world
- Talk about ways in which people can harm the natural world
- Talk about ways in which people can look after the natural world

Area of study	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
	The other major religion	t each key stage to 'reflect the	e fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian'. (Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism and Buddhism) should be studied across the key stages; although the						
Religion and world views to be studied in each key stage	Progressive study of C Hinduism. Encounterir Buddhism and non-rel	ng Judaism, Sikhism,	Progressive study of Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. Encountering Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism and non-religious worldviews.						
Rationale	Pupils begin to gain an understanding of the connections between the Abrahamic faiths through a progressive study of Christianity and Islam and encountering Judaism. They will be introduced to Dharmic traditions.		understanding of Cl world religions and	their learning in KS1 by con nristianity, Islam and Hindui nonreligious world views. The adepth of knowledge and ur	sm. They should also enco his means that the curricul	ounter the other major lum is broad and balanced,			



Investigate and Interpret the Past	National Curriculum. Pup Understand some about the past and it is represented.	ils should be taught to: - of the ways in which we find of identify different ways in which	ut • Understand h	National Curriculum. Pupils should be taught to: • Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources					
	 Observe or handle evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past. Ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago? Identify some of the different ways the past has been represented. Use artefacts, pictures, stories, online sources and databases to find out about the past. 		answers to q Suggest suita historical enq Use more tha historical enq accurate und Describe diffa event, explain the accounts Suggest caus	 answers to questions about the past. Suggest suitable sources of evidence for historical enquiries. Use more than one source of evidence for historical enquiry in order to gain a more accurate understanding of history. 		 Use sources of evidence to deduce information about the past. Select suitable sources of evidence, giving reasons for choices. Use sources of information to form testable hypotheses about the past. Seek out and analyse a wide range of evidence in order to justify claims about the past. Show an awareness of the concept of propaganda and how historians must understand the social context of evidence studied. Understand that no single source of evidence gives the full answer to questions about the past. Refine lines of enquiry as appropriate. 			
Each of these key skills are	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
addressed when teaching each of the religions through out the year.	Give an example of a key belief and/or a religious story Give an example of a core value or commitment Use some religious words and phrases to recognise and name features of religious traditions	 Retell and suggest meanings for religious stories and/or beliefs Use some religious words and phrases when talking about beliefs and values Identify and describe how religion is expressed in different ways 	 Show awareness of similarities in religions Identify beliefs and values contained within a story/ teaching Identify the impact religion has on a believer 	Describe what a believer might learn from a religious teaching/story Make links between ideas about morality and sources of authority Describe the impact religion has on believers' lives	 Make links between beliefs and sacred texts, including how and why religious sources are used to teach and guide believers Explain the impact of beliefs and values – including reasons for diversity, 	 Analyse beliefs, teachings and values and how they are linked. Explain how the beliefs and values of a religious tradition might guide a believer through the journey of life 			



Talk about the way that religious beliefs might influence the way a person behaves Notice and show curiosity about people and how they live their lives Ask questions Talk about their own experiences	Suggest the symbolic meaning of imagery and actions Identify things that influence a person's sense of identity and belonging Ask relevant questions Talk about their own identity and values	•	Identify how religion is expressed in different ways Use religious terms to describe how people might express their beliefs Describe how some people, events and sources of wisdom have influenced and inspired others in relation to matters of right and wrong, recognise their own and others' values Discuss own questions and responses related to the question who should we follow – and why?	Explain the deeper meaning and symbolism for specific religious practices Consider the range of beliefs, values and lifestyles that exist in society Discuss how people make decisions about how to live their lives Reflect on their own personal sources of wisdom and authority	Explain differing forms of expression and why these might be used Describe diversity of religious practices and lifestyle within the religious tradition Interpret the deeper meaning of symbolism — contained in stories, images and actions Explain (with appropriate examples) where people might seek wisdom and guidance Consider the role of rules and guidance in uniting communities. Discuss and debate the sources of guidance available to them Consider the value of differing sources of guidance	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Explain the impact of beliefs, values and practices – including differences between and within religious traditions Use developing religious vocabulary to describe and show understanding of religious traditions, including practices, rituals and experiences Explain differing ideas about religious expression. Consider what makes us human – in terms of our beliefs and values, relationships with others and sense of identity and belonging. Discuss how people change during the journey of life Raise, discuss and debate questions about identity, belonging, meaning, purpose, truth, values and commitments Develop own views and ideas in response to learning Demonstrate

increasing self -



			awareness in their own personal development
			development