

Religion and worldviews

Long-term plan

Mixed-age

This Long-term plan is a 36-week plan for those schools with mixed-age classes Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6.

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What is the statutory guidance for RE?

National Curriculum 2013

The National curriculum states on page four the legal requirement that:

'Every state-funded school must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based, and which:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils; and
- prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

All state schools ... must teach religious education ... All schools must publish their curriculum by subject and academic year online'.

Please note - there is not a National Curriculum for RE.

RE is locally determined, not nationally

The Education Act 1996 (Section 375)

'Every agreed syllabus shall reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian whilst taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain.'

School Standards and Framework Act 1998

Local Agreed syllabus (Schedule 19)

Community schools and any foundation and voluntary schools without a religious character are required to 'give provision for religious education in accordance with an agreed syllabus'.

This local Agreed Syllabus is determined by the SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) in your area and is **statutory**. Many SACRE's use the **non-statutory** document [A curriculum framework for Religious Education in England](#) as the framework upon which their Agreed Syllabi are developed.

Right to withdraw (Section 71)

Parents may withdraw their children from RE lessons or any part of the RE curriculum and the school has a duty to supervise them. Please see [Religious Education in schools: Non-statutory guidance \(2010\)](#) p.27-30 for more information.

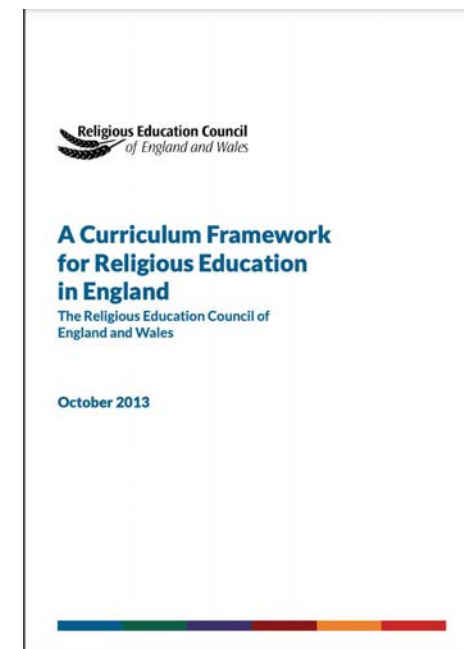
How does Kapow Primary help our school to meet the statutory guidance for RE?

We follow the Curriculum Framework for RE

Because our scheme of work fulfils the requirements of the [Curriculum Framework](#), upon which many SACRE's build their Locally Agreed Syllabus (LAS), then it is likely that by following our RE curriculum, your school will also be meeting the requirements laid out in your LAS.

We strongly advise that you check and continue to satisfy yourself regularly that the Kapow Primary scheme of work matches the requirements of your LAS.

If your LAS does not follow the Curriculum Framework, you may still be able to satisfy the requirements of your syllabus by using Kapow Primary but you will need to check for yourself that all statutory elements are covered by our scheme of work, before deciding if it's right for you.



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We reflect the principal religions in Great Britain

In line with government guidance and Census 2021 information, the Kapow curriculum reflects that the UK's religious tradition is, in the main, Christian, with each year group having at least one unit specifically focusing on Christian concepts, beliefs and practices and these being linked to and contrasted with other religions and worldviews across the thematic units. The scheme also covers the principle organised worldviews represented in Great Britain.

Planning also encourages teachers to include locally presented religions where possible and includes non-religious worldviews.

We promote Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and British values

We provide signposts on each lesson plan to highlight to teachers when there are opportunities to develop pupils understanding in these areas within the R&W curriculum.

Our Personal development, SMSC and British values mapping document (coming soon!) helps you to see an overview of where these opportunities are provided across the school.

How does Kapow Primary's scheme of work align with the Curriculum framework for RE?

The curriculum for RE aims to ensure that all pupils:

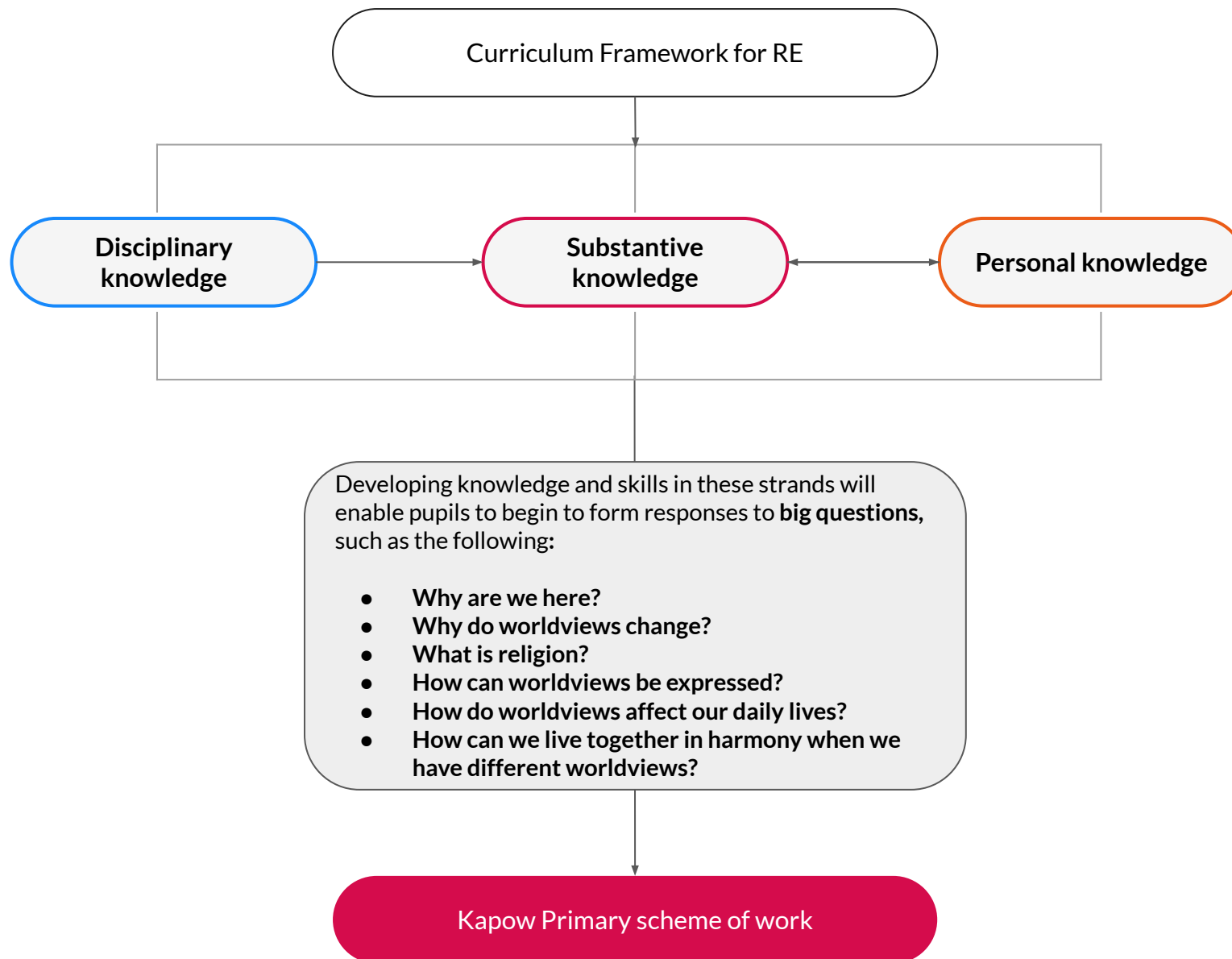
- ★ **A. Know about and understand a range of religions and worldviews,**
so that they can:
 - describe, explain and analyse beliefs and practices, recognising the diversity which exists within and between communities and amongst individuals;
 - identify, investigate and respond to questions posed, and responses offered by some of the sources of wisdom found in religions and worldviews;
 - appreciate and appraise the nature, significance and impact of different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning.

- ★ **B. Express ideas and insights about the nature, significance and impact of religions and worldviews,**
so that they can:
 - explain reasonably their ideas about how beliefs, practices and forms of expression influence individuals and communities;
 - express with increasing discernment their personal reflections and critical responses to questions and teachings about identity, diversity, meaning and value, including ethical issues;
 - appreciate and appraise varied dimensions of religion or a worldview.

- ★ **C. Gain and deploy the skills needed to engage seriously with religions and worldviews,**
so that they can:
 - find out about and investigate key concepts and questions of belonging, meaning, purpose and truth, responding creatively;
 - enquire into what enables different individuals and communities to live together respectfully for the wellbeing of all;
 - articulate beliefs, values and commitments clearly in order to explain why they may be important in their own and other people's lives.

Each lesson plan references the relevant [Curriculum framework](#) objectives, as shown on our [Religious Education Council curriculum framework coverage – mixed-age](#) document, along with cross-curricular links to any other subjects.

How is the Religion and worldviews scheme of work organised?



How has research informed Kapow Primary's Religion and worldviews curriculum?

The Kapow Primary Religion and worldviews curriculum takes into account the key findings of the [Ofsted Research review series: RE](#) and the Commission on Religious Education report: [Religion and worldviews: The way forward. A national plan for RE](#). Outlined below are the key points from each report that are covered in the Kapow Primary Religion and worldviews curriculum.

Ofsted Research review series: RE

- RE learning should include three types of knowledge - substantive (knowledge about); disciplinary (ways of knowing); and personal knowledge (awareness of own preconceptions and values) - taught in an interconnected way.
- Children should build accurate knowledge which captures the complexity, fluidity and diversity of religious and non-religious traditions.
- High quality RE will have a well-sequenced curriculum that prepares pupils with the prior knowledge (including content, concepts and vocabulary) they need for subsequent topics, to make connections and to grasp 'big ideas'.
- High quality RE curricula prepare pupils with the prior knowledge they need to think and respond to controversial issues in an informed way.
- In order to be able 'know more and remember more' regular opportunities to revisit learning and encounter concepts should be planned for.
- Subject specific vocabulary should be taught progressively.

Commission on Religious Education report:

- Pupils should be taught that worldviews are complex, diverse and plural and that they change.
- The curriculum should help children to understand how worldviews may offer responses to big questions, and the different roles that worldviews play in providing people with ways of making sense of their lives.
- The curriculum should explore the influence worldviews have on the attitudes, behaviour and emotions of individuals and communities.
- Openness, respect, enquiry and accuracy should be promoted.
- Children should gain the key skills, range of academic approaches and attitudes to engage with those who think differently from them, and to reflect on their own developing worldviews.
- Learning about a religious or non-religious worldview should focus on lived experience of individuals and communities.

Oracy in Religion and worldviews

'Oracy is the ability to speak eloquently, to articulate ideas and thoughts, to influence through talking, to collaborate with peers and to express views confidently and appropriately.'

Oracy refers both to the development of speaking and listening skills, and the effective use of spoken language in teaching and learning. It is to speech what literacy is to reading and writing, and numeracy is to Maths.'

Speak for Change: Final report and recommendations from the Oracy All-Party Parliamentary Group Inquiry.

Learning *through* talk

At Kapow Primary, we believe it's crucial to provide pupils with opportunities for exploratory talk during their learning. This involves thinking aloud, questioning, discussing, and collaboratively building ideas.

Learning *to* talk

Similarly, developing oracy skills is essential for pupils to express and articulate themselves effectively across various contexts and settings, including formal ones like public speaking, debates, and interviews.

Through our Religion and worldviews curriculum, pupils have opportunities to develop their oracy skills by:

- Challenging one another's ideas through debate and discussion.
- Collaborating using different roles to manage turn taking and other interactions.
- Interpreting sources of wisdom and sharing ideas and opinions.
- Responding to a wide range of sources.
- Summarising sources and other materials.
- Explaining links between worldviews.
- Presenting findings.
- Role-playing stories.
- Questioning why people might do, think or believe something.



A spiral curriculum

Kapow Primary's Religion and worldviews scheme of work has been designed as a spiral curriculum with the following key principles in mind:

- ✓ **Cyclical:** In each unit, pupils develop disciplinary, substantive and personal knowledge building on these through the study of concepts and religious & non-religious worldviews.
- ✓ **Increasing depth:** Each time a concept, religion or worldview is revisited, it is covered with greater complexity and in varying contexts. Progression within units and between year groups includes:
 - studying teachings, beliefs, practices and experiences in more detail.
 - moving from local to national and then global contexts.
 - making and explaining more, increasing subtle links.
 - identifying and discussing diversity within and between religions and worldviews.
 - grappling with increasingly complex and sometimes controversial ideas (including through our big questions).
- ✓ **Prior knowledge:** Upon returning to each concept, religion or worldview pupils use prior knowledge to build on previous foundations, rather than starting again.



Is there any flexibility in the Kapow Primary Religion and worldviews scheme?

The Kapow Primary Religions and worldviews scheme is written with clear progression of substantive, disciplinary and personal knowledge. Each unit builds on conceptual knowledge, worldview specific knowledge and vocabulary from previous units both within that year group and from previous years. This sequencing of units allows children to develop schema through connections with prior learning. With this in mind, the Kapow Primary Religions and worldviews scheme should be taught in the order set out in this Long-term plan – mixed-age, which has been designed to ensure pupils can start each phase on Cycle A or B depending on their cohort.

Religion and worldviews

The Kapow Primary curriculum is based on a Religion and Worldviews approach. This approach focuses on religion and worldviews as personal and diverse. It aims to reflect the changing nature of religion and worldviews in modern Britain and help children to understand that religion and worldviews are a lived experience for people and communities. Children should become increasingly reflective about their own worldview and how it is influenced.

What are worldviews?

Every person has their own worldview, their way of looking at and explaining life and the world. This may be religious or non-religious, organised or personal.

Organised worldviews are an established philosophy, attitude or set of beliefs with a group of believers or followers and may include certain practices. Christianity is an example of a religious, organised worldview. Humanism is an example of a non-religious organised worldview. Although organised worldviews have an established set of beliefs, there will be variations in the way individuals interpret and practise these beliefs.

Personal worldviews are an individual's view of life and the world. They take different ideas and beliefs from religion, experience, and others' worldviews and often change over time. A personal worldview may be in line with an organised worldview, may agree with some elements but disagree with others or may be a mix of many religious and non-religious worldviews.

Which worldviews will be covered?

The Kapow Primary Religion and worldviews curriculum covers a number of organised worldviews with increasing depth and breadth. In line with government guidance and Census 2021 information, the curriculum will 'reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian whilst taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain.' Please note that this does not mean that more than 50% of curriculum time should be spent on the teaching of Christianity and Ofsted refer to this as being a common misinterpretation of the guidance in the Ofsted research review series: Religious education.

Exploring concepts through an enquiry based approach, children will investigate a variety of worldviews, including but not limited to:



Christian



Muslim



Hindu



Sikh



Jewish



Buddhist



Humanist

The interplay between different types of knowledge in RE

Disciplinary knowledge (‘ways of knowing’)

Disciplinary knowledge refers to the skills we use to build our understanding of religion and worldviews, through methods and approaches from different academic disciplines, teaching children to think like scholars (for example, anthropologists, historians, philosophers and theologians).

Pupils learn ‘how to know’ about religion through varied processes and methods, such as exploring stories or scripture, carrying out surveys, exploring maps, using first-hand accounts and personal responses, analysing texts, debating and discussing.

Through these processes, children begin to understand how we know what we know (substantive knowledge) about religion and worldviews today. The units are designed to follow the Kapow enquiry cycle and pupils will do this with increasing independence.

Is used to gain...

Helps them to understand...

Substantive knowledge (‘knowing about’)

Throughout the curriculum children build the breadth and depth of their knowledge of a range of religions and worldviews represented in Great Britain.

Substantive knowledge is carefully planned to build understanding of concepts across four key themes: beliefs; wisdom and morality; practices and community and belonging. Children explore these concepts through an enquiry cycle in each unit and through a range of disciplinary processes. They will have opportunities to learn how the concepts apply to different religions and worldviews to build a progressively deeper understanding.

Representations of religion and worldviews are always diverse in the Kapow Primary curriculum and reflect the fact that traditions often change over time.

Reflecting on this often leads to...

Personal knowledge (‘knowing yourself’)

As children develop their knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews, they will naturally begin to share their own thoughts about what they learn. They are encouraged to develop, recognise and express their own personal worldviews and develop an understanding of how these are formed when asked to respond to ‘big questions.’

As they move up the school, pupils will begin to understand that when they gain substantive knowledge about religions and worldviews, they do so from a position which is influenced by their own values, prior experiences and sense of identity. The enquiry approach in our scheme of work encourages pupils to build this awareness.

The first lesson for each year group sets ground rules about respect, openness and behaviour during RE lessons to ensure that children feel that the lessons are a safe place to explore and share personal knowledge.

What are the concepts covered in this scheme?

The Kapow Primary scheme builds children's knowledge of religious concepts through combining substantive, disciplinary and personal knowledge in an enquiry based approach. These concepts are grouped into four key concepts areas: beliefs, practices, wisdom and morality, and community and belonging. Within each key concept area, specific concepts are covered progressively as children move through the scheme.

Beliefs

enlightenment
gods/God
belief
truth
creation
incarnation (deity/god embodied in flesh)
god and humanity
miracles
good over evil
Trinity
Heaven and Hell
free will
hope
anoint (specially chosen)
spirituality
soul
sacred
source/origin
reincarnation
paradise
embodiment
sacrifice
resurrection
messiah/Messiah
crucifixion
predestiny
Kingdom of God
Holy Spirit
faith

Wisdom and morality

right path
respect
scripture
stewardship (supervising or taking care of)
parable
teacher
wisdom
translation
interpretation
martyrdom
temptation
charity
guidance
rules or commandments
values
responsibility
respect for all living things
word of God
consequences
karma
judgement
forgiveness
sin
truth
equality

Practices

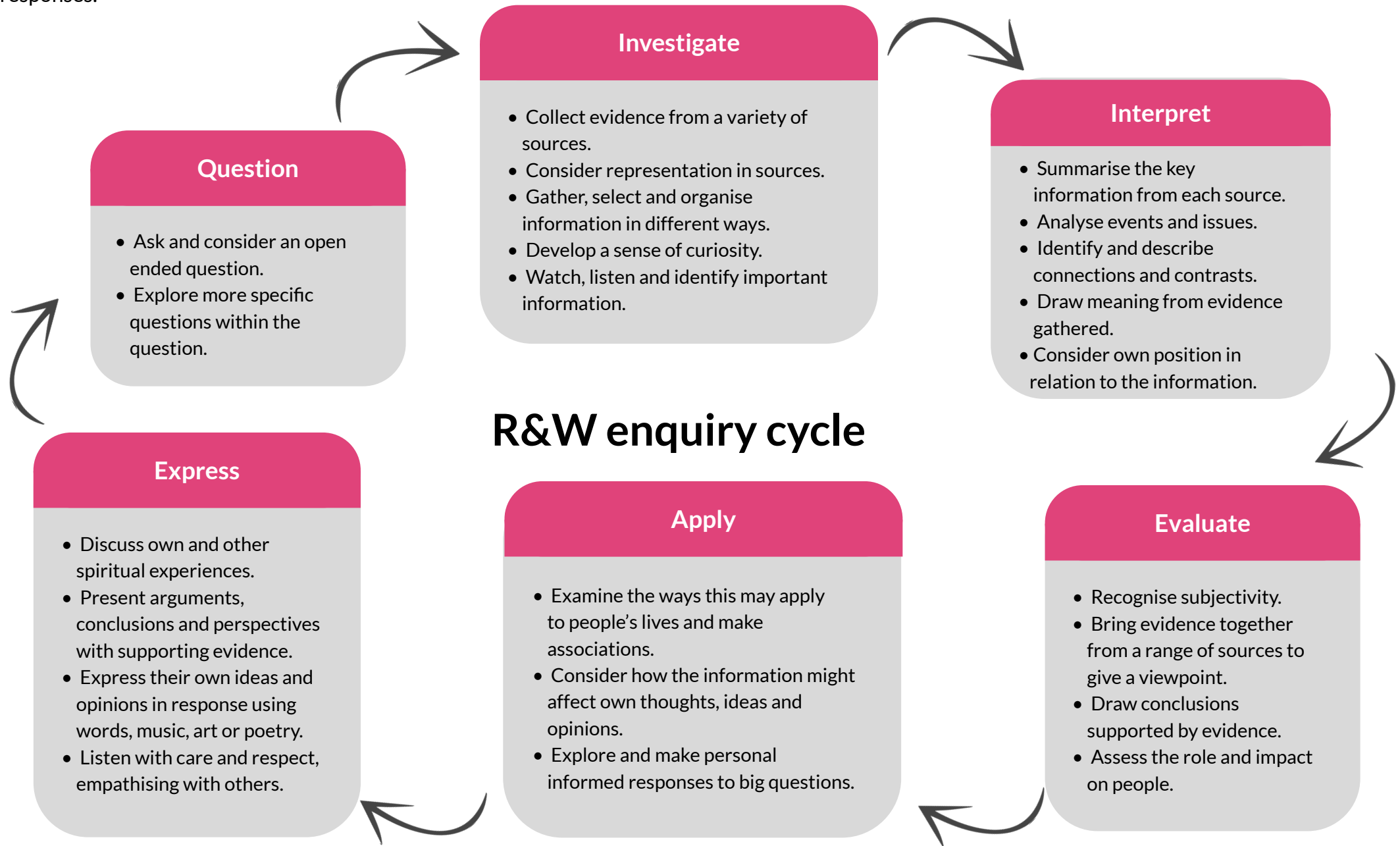
purity
fire
cremation
funeral
eternal flame
fasting
recitation
evangelism
ritual
pilgrimage
obligation
symbol
symbolism
ceremony
offerings
gratitude
worship
festivals
prayer
places of worship
worship
cleansing
baptism
significance
language

Community and belonging

symbol
symbolism
charity
community
belonging
remembrance
covenant
similarity
difference
migration
influence
succession
culture
commitment
identity
spread
religious freedom
free speech
denomination
worldwide
conversion
leadership
authority
democracy
bloodline
interconnection

How will the scheme develop enquiry skills?

The Kapow Primary scheme is designed to develop pupils' enquiry skills. Each unit poses a question and over the course of the unit, pupils build their responses.



Responding to 'big questions'

The strands of our Religion and worldviews curriculum are developed in each unit and as pupils develop their competencies in these strands they should be able to draw upon their knowledge across the strands to form thoughtful answers to some of life's big questions.



Each of the 'big questions' in the Kapow Primary Religion and worldviews curriculum is revisited at least twice in each key stage allowing children to consider, discuss and answer the questions in increasing depth and with a broader range of knowledge and understanding to draw on.

We believe that providing regular opportunities for pupils to consider these questions, in light of substantive, disciplinary and personal knowledge gained, will help to prepare them for the challenges of living in a world with increasing complex and diverse worldviews, being able to have balanced and informed dialogues about religion and worldviews.

Additional celebration lessons

At certain times of the year, teachers across all year groups often connect subject content to seasonal celebrations, festivals and awareness days, enhancing pupil engagement with the curriculum. Kapow Primary's additional celebration lessons are designed to support schools in making these occasions even more purposeful by providing valuable opportunities to revisit and reinforce skills and knowledge from the curriculum.

These optional Religion and worldviews lessons allow children the chance to apply year-group-appropriate R&W knowledge and skills in the context of Christian festivals, such as Christmas and Easter.

Opting out of these lessons will not affect the required coverage of knowledge and skills for the year group. However, for those teaching in church schools, these lessons are especially valuable, helping to meet greater Religious Education time requirements and providing additional coverage of Christianity.

These lessons have been carefully designed to be progressive, enabling pupil's understanding of these celebrations to deepen as they progress through the school, with multiple opportunities to reinforce prior learning.

Why and how is Christmas celebrated?

The Christmas unit consists of six lessons designed for Years 1 to 6, developing the learning from the EYFS: Reception unit 'What are special times?' Each lesson builds on knowledge gained in previous year groups, allowing children to deepen their understanding of Christmas traditions and their significance over time.

Year 1/2 (Cycle A): Why is Christmas important to Christians?

Year 1/2 (Cycle B): What can light mean at Christmas?

Year 3/4 (Cycle A): Why do many Christians think that Christmas is good news?

Year 3/4 (Cycle B): How is Christmas part of a bigger story?

Year 5/6 (Cycle A): Why do some people use different names for Jesus?

Year 5/6 (Cycle B): Who celebrates Christmas?



Easter celebration lessons available now!

Religion and worldviews in EYFS (Reception)

Our Religion and worldviews Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) activities are designed to target Development matters 'Understanding the world' statements and also fully integrated with the Kapow Primary Key stage 1 and 2 curriculum for Religion and worldviews offering a unified approach.

Clear progression between EYFS and Key stage 1 content can be seen by looking at our [Progression of knowledge and skills](#) document, where component knowledge and skills are outlined across our strands (**Substantive knowledge**, **Disciplinary knowledge**, **Personal knowledge**) from EYFS (Reception) through to Year 5/6.

Our Religion and worldviews EYFS (Reception) units feature flexible, small-step activities, allowing teachers to personalise lessons to include pupil interests or to fit in with their chosen themes or topics. The activities in the 'Time to celebrate' unit, in particular, are designed to be adapted to suit any festivals or celebrations that are relevant to your school community and time of year. Activities have been designed for continuous provision: an adult will need to explain the outcome of the station at the beginning of the week, but after this, independent learning should be encouraged. Each unit has an explanatory video to assist teachers in their planning and implementation. These videos provide insight into how the activities can support skills and knowledge development, which will lay the foundations for pupils' Religion and worldviews learning in Key stages 1 and 2.

The activities are designed to foster a curiosity about religions and worldviews, prompting children to start asking questions about beliefs while referring to their own experiences. Children begin to develop a basic understanding that people have different beliefs and things that are special to them. They learn that when we talk about our beliefs we are referring to something we believe to be true and become familiar with some of the vocabulary we use to talk about religion (e.g. God, belief, special, celebrate).



Other useful documentation:

There are a number of key documents that can support you in planning and delivery of the Kapow Primary **Religion and worldviews** scheme. Visit the [Subject leader resources](#) page for more.

✓ **Religious Education Council curriculum framework coverage — mixed-age**

- Shows which of the National framework attainment targets are covered by each unit.

✓ **Progression of skills and knowledge document — mixed-age**

- Shows how understanding and application of key concepts and skills builds year on year.

✓ **Knowledge organisers - one per unit:**

- One page overview of the key knowledge and vocabulary from a unit to support pupils' learning.

✓ **Equipment list**

- Lists the equipment needed for each unit of lessons, to help you prepare ahead of time.

✓ **Intent, implementation, impact statement**

As the Reception curriculum is guided by specific statutory frameworks, including Development Matters and the Early Learning Goals, we have not integrated our Reception units into our two-year rolling programme. However, please be assured that you can effectively implement our scheme for Key Stage 1 and 2, even without using our Reception units.

		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS (Rec)	<u>Time to celebrate</u> *	<u>What makes us special?</u>	<u>What are special times?</u>	<u>Why are some places special?</u>	<u>What makes the world special?</u>	<u>Why are some things special?</u>	<u>Why are some stories special?</u>
	Adaptable	Christian	Hindu, Christian	Christian, Muslim	Christian, Muslim	Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish	Christian, Hindu

*The **Time to celebrate** unit has been designed to be used throughout the school year to celebrate festivals or celebrations relevant to your school community.

All units have 6 lessons. Additional celebration lessons are optional lessons which you can choose to include in the stated half-terms. See here for more information about these lessons.

Cycle A	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Autumn 1	<u>Introductory lesson: Respectful R&W</u> <u>What do some people believe God looks like?</u>	<u>Introductory lesson: Respectful R&W</u> <u>What makes us human?</u>	<u>Introductory lesson: Respectful R&W</u> <u>Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?</u>
Autumn 2	<u>How did the world begin?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why is Christmas important to many Christians?</u>	<u>Why is water symbolic?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why do many Christians think that Christmas is good news?</u>	<u>Why do Dharmic religions look different around the world?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why do some people use different names for Jesus?</u>
Spring 1	<u>Why should we care for the world?</u>	<u>What makes some texts sacred?</u>	<u>What happens when we die? (Part 1)</u>
Spring 2	<u>Why do we need to give thanks?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why is Easter special to many Christians?</u>	<u>Who was Jesus really?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>What can Easter teach about forgiveness?</u>	<u>What place does religion have in our world today?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>What might the Easter story suggest about life after death?</u>
Summer 1	<u>How do we know some people feel a special connection to a god?</u>	<u>Why is fire used ceremonially?</u>	<u>What happens when we die? (Part 2)</u>
Summer 2	<u>What is a prophet?</u>	<u>Why is the Bible the best-selling book of all time?</u>	<u>Who should get to be in charge?</u>

All units have 6 lessons. Additional celebration lessons are optional lessons which you can choose to include in the stated half-terms. See here for more information about these lessons.

Cycle B	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Autumn 1	<u>Introductory lesson: Respectful R&W</u> <u>What is God's job?</u>	<u>Introductory lesson: Respectful R&W</u> <u>Is scripture central to religion?</u>	<u>Introductory lesson: Respectful R&W</u> <u>Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?</u>
Autumn 2	<u>Why should we care for others?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>What can light mean at Christmas?</u>	<u>Where do we get our morals from?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>How is Christmas part of a bigger story?</u>	<u>Why are some places in the world significant to believers?</u> Additional celebration lesson: <u>Who celebrates Christmas?</u>
Spring 1	How do we know that new babies are special?	<u>Are all religions equal?</u>	Why do Abrahamic religions look different around the world?
Spring 2	Why is light important to people? Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why does Easter bring hope to many Christians?</u>	What happens if we do wrong? Additional celebration lesson: <u>How is Easter celebrated around the world?</u>	Why is there suffering? (Part 1) Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why might some people take part in Easter traditions?</u>
Summer 1	How do some people talk to God?	Just how important are our beliefs?	Why is it better to be there in person?
Summer 2	Where do some people talk to God?	Does the language of scripture matter?	Why is there suffering? (Part 2)

EYFS (Reception)			
Autumn 1	<u>What makes us special?</u> (5 lessons) Exploring the different ways people are special. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, they learn about what makes themselves, people around them and in the community special. They learn that it is good for people to have different beliefs and ideas and that some Christian people believe in God and Jesus.	Autumn 2	<u>What are special times?</u> (5 lessons) Discovering and comparing special times of Diwali and Christmas. Using pictures, videos, and storytelling, they explore the significance of these festivals and how they are celebrated. Learning about the traditions associated with Diwali and Christmas and discussing the importance of these celebrations in bringing communities together.
Spring 1	<u>Why are some places special?</u> (5 lessons) Investigating what makes places special and significant to different people. Starting by discussing places that are special to them, they will learn about about religious buildings and places of worship and discuss the importance of these places to others.	Spring 2	<u>What makes the world special?</u> (5 lessons) Exploring what makes the world around them special, children will learn why the world can be special to both themselves and others. Listening to other people's ideas about caring for the world and discussing reasons why this is important.
Summer 1	<u>Why are some things special?</u> (5 lessons) Exploring the meaning and value of special items through discussion, children examine artefacts and images to understand their significance to some people. They discuss how objects can hold personal or communal importance and learn to respect and appreciate these differences.	Summer 2	<u>Why are some stories special?</u> (5 lessons) Listening to different stories, children will explore what they can learn about people's beliefs. They will understand that stories have the power to inspire and teach, encouraging people to do good things, which makes stories special.
<u>Time to celebrate</u> (6 lessons) Exploring the significance of various festivals, through stories, images and creative activities, they learn about the customs and meanings behind these celebrations. Allowing for personalisation, enabling teachers to incorporate festivals that are most relevant to the school community. Engaging in discussions and activities that highlight the importance of these special times in bringing people together and fostering a sense of community. Reflecting on their own experiences and sharing how they celebrate special occasions with their families.			

Year 1/2 Cycle A

Autumn 1

Respectful R&W (1 lesson)

Learning about religion and worldviews and teaching children how to be respectful during Religion and worldviews lessons.

What do some people believe God looks like? (6 lessons)

Looking at Islamic art, Hindu avatars and images of the Christmas story, children explore how different people understand God on Earth. They consider these representations when creating their own artwork and talk about why putting ideas about God into words and pictures is challenging. (Christian, Hindu, Muslim)

Autumn 2

How did the world begin? (6 lessons)

Exploring a range of creation stories in imaginative ways, children present their own ideas about creators and creation using art and language. They consider how creation stories help some people to understand what God is like. (Christian, Jewish, Hindu)

Spring 1

Why should we care for the world? (6 lessons)

Building on their understanding of creation stories, children study quotes and religious stories about the relationship between humans and nature. They investigate why different people believe it is important to care for Earth. (Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Jain, Humanist)

Spring 2

Why do we need to give thanks? (6 lessons)

Using a range of sources including survey data, children learn the beliefs around using offerings to show gratitude. They get hands on with artefacts used during puja and write their own lyrics for a song of thanks. (Hindu, Christian, Humanist)

Summer 1

How do we know some people feel a special connection to a god? (6 lessons)

Deepening their understanding of how people perceive God on Earth, children listen to stories from diverse perspectives about the lives of significant religious figures. They investigate how some individuals are believed to have a special connection to God by searching for clues in religious stories and comprehending the symbolism within them. (Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu)

Summer 2

What is a prophet? (6 lessons)

Asking questions about the religious stories they read, children find out more about significant people like Abraham, Jonah, Moses, Jesus, Muhamud and Guru Nanak. They look for clues in religious stories and art to understand their characteristics and the promises they shared with humanity. By investigating different perspectives and drawing connections, children create their own definition of a prophet. (Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh)

**Additional
collection
lessons
(optional)**

Christmas Why is Christmas important to so many Christians? (1 lesson)

Recognising why Christmas is important to Christians by exploring some of the ways it is celebrated.

Easter Why is Easter special to many Christians? (1 lesson)

Exploring why Easter is a special time for many Christians and learning about the key events of the Easter story.

Year 1/2 Cycle B

Autumn 1

Respectful R&W (1 lesson)

Learning about religion and worldviews and teaching children how to be respectful during Religion and worldviews lessons.

What is God's job? (6 lessons)

Investigating the roles of God through stories and sacred texts, children examine the actions of God and what this means to some different people. (Jewish, Zoroastrian, Muslim, Hindu, Christian)

Autumn 2

Why should we care for others? (6 lessons)

Exploring stories and guidance that inspire people to care for others, examining the reasons behind these actions and their impact on people's lives. Children investigate different ways people show care and understand why giving to others is important. (Sikh, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Humanist)

Spring 1

How do we know that new babies are special? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Exploring different ceremonies to welcome home a new baby by examining quotes, videos, and pictures. Children investigate the symbolism in these ceremonies and seek connections between the ways people from diverse worldviews celebrate a new baby. (Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Humanist)

Spring 2

Why is light important to people? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Investigating the many ways light is used in religious and worldview contexts, children explore different festivals through artwork and stories, focusing on candles and lamps. They discover why diya lamps are lit during Diwali. They use natural resources to create advent wreaths. They explore different hanukiah to develop their understanding of the symbolism of candles during Hanukkah. (Christian, Hindu, Jewish)

Summer 1

How do some people talk to God? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Investigating the importance of communication in relationships, children examine the different ways people pray and why they consider this important. They explore the objects that some people use during prayer and consider how the whole body is sometimes used in prayer. (Muslim, Jewish, Hindu)

Summer 2

Where do some people talk to God? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Expanding on their learning about prayer and worship, children examine buildings within their local area and beyond. Through investigating, they discover what the features of the buildings might reveal about people's beliefs about god. Children design their own place of worship based on their learning. (Hindu, Alevi, Muslim, Sikh)

**Additional
collection
lessons
(optional)**

Christmas
What can light mean at Christmas? (1 lesson)

Investigating why light is important to some people at Christmas.

Easter
Why does Easter bring hope to many Christians? (1 lesson)

Recognising that Easter celebrates Jesus coming back to life and exploring how it gives many Christians hope.

Year 3/4 Cycle A

Autumn 1

Respectful R&W (1 lesson)

Learning about religion and worldviews and teaching children how to be respectful during Religion and worldviews lessons.

What makes us human? (6 lessons)

Exploring ideas about spirituality, inner self and the soul, children interpret and use art to express beliefs about the soul and inner self and design a book cover and blurb for a book called 'What makes us human?' (Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, Humanist)

Autumn 2

Why is water symbolic? (6 lessons)

Exploring the many ways water is used in rituals and ceremonies, children explore the symbolic use of water and look at what stories from scripture suggest about water. From this, they create poetry to express ideas about the symbolism and significance of water. Children think about how people's beliefs about water's preciousness might affect their actions. (Christian, Muslim, Shinto)

Spring 1

What makes some texts sacred? (6 lessons)

Looking at different ways scriptures are used, what this shows about the value placed on them and why this might be. Children consider how and why beliefs about revelation and the origins of texts affect how they are viewed looking at a range of sources. (Jewish, Christian, Buddhist)

Spring 2

Who was Jesus really? (6 lessons)

Using accounts from the Bible, children explore how Jesus was represented and viewed by different people during his life. They learn about his ministry and reflect on how the parables he shared and the miracles some Christians believe he performed are interpreted by different people. Through the Easter story, pupils also examine the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection to many Christians.

Summer 1

Why is fire used ceremonially? (6 lessons)

Continuing to look at symbolism, children explore the use of fire in many ceremonies and as a symbol of remembrance. They create freeze frames of different Hindu fire ceremonies and design a candle to remember a particular person or event.

Summer 2

Why is the Bible the best-selling book of all time? (6 lessons)

Using historical skills and knowledge, children explore how the Christian Bible that exists today developed. They look at the different types of writing within the Bible and when it was written. Pupils find out how some Christians use their Bibles and present their ideas as marketers of the Bible. (Christian)

**Additional
collection
lessons
(optional)**

Christmas Why do many Christians think that Christmas is good news? (1 lesson)

Considering how people in the nativity story would have reacted to the news of Jesus' birth.

Easter What can Easter teach about forgiveness? 1 lesson)

Investigating a range of sources including the Easter story, bible quotes and personal responses to find out what Easter can teach about forgiveness.

Year 3/4 Cycle B

**Autumn
1**

Respectful R&W (1 lesson)

Learning about religion and worldviews and teaching children how to be respectful during Religion and worldviews lessons.

Is scripture central to religion? (6 lessons)

Investigating how scripture is used and respected by different people, children build their understanding of religious texts. Through virtual or real-life visits to places of worship, they act as detectives to find evidence of how scripture is present and used in these spaces. (Christian, Muslim, Jewish)

**Autumn
2**

Where do we get our morals from? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Reflecting on why people make choices about how to live a good life, children consider their views on what is right and wrong. They investigate how some Jewish people use a tallit to help them remember guidance and explore objects that others may use in a similar way. Children write their own moral code mini-book inspired by their learning in this unit. (Christian/Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Humanist)

Spring 1

Are all religions equal? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Exploring the origins of religions, children explore geographical and historical links and connections between some religions. They investigate Sikh and Bahá'í beliefs and practices that reflect unity and equality to plan a promotional video, poster or slide show for World Religion Day. (Zoroastrian, Bahá'í, Sikh, Hindu)

Spring 2

What happens if we do wrong? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Developing their previous learning about the role of god and moral guidance, children explore the meaning of consequences to different people. They design and play snakes and ladders style games to explore beliefs about reincarnation. (Hindu, Muslim, Humanist, Christian, Jewish)

**Summer
1**

Just how important are our beliefs? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Finding out how people show commitment to their beliefs, children ask questions about why people choose to demonstrate the importance of their beliefs in certain ways. They use photographs, personal responses and information texts to explore ceremonies of commitment, diet, charity and clothing. (Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Christian)

**Summer
2**

Does the language of scripture matter? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Expanding on their understanding of the importance and place of scripture, children find out about the different languages scriptures are used in and what this reveals about different beliefs. They try their hands at Arabic calligraphy and retell the story of different diasporas using a map. (Christian, Muslim, Jewish)

**Additional
collection
lessons
(optional)**

Christmas
How is Christmas part of a bigger story? (1 lesson)

Exploring the importance of Christmas to many Christians based on events before and after the birth of Jesus.

Easter
How is Easter celebrated around the world?
(1 lesson)

Investigating Easter celebrations to find out how Easter is celebrated across the world and why these traditions are important to some communities.

Year 5/6 Cycle A

**Autumn
1**

Respectful R&W (1 lesson)

Learning about religion and worldviews and teaching children how to be respectful during Religion and worldviews lessons.

Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in? (6 lessons)

Thinking about religious freedom, children use historical and modern-day examples of people, such as Guy Fawkes, who have fought for their beliefs. They use debate and critical analysis activities to discuss controversial issues. (Christian, Muslim, Sikh)

**Autumn
2**

Why do Dharmic religions look different around the world? (6 lessons)

Considering how people practise their religion and worldview, children think about the influence culture, history, geography and tradition have on how religion looks in different places and challenge their perceptions. After exploring why there are different Buddhist schools, they compare a range of practices by experiencing some of them in the classroom. (Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain)

Spring 1

What happens when we die? Part 1 (6 lessons)

Interpreting different sources of wisdom and beliefs about what happens when we die, children find out what different people from Abrahamic and non-religious perspectives do to mark someone's death. They explore how this is linked with beliefs about the afterlife through scripture, poems and readings and consider the concepts of heaven and hell through art. (Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Humanist)

Spring 2

What place does religion have in our world today? (6 lessons)

Exploring their own worldview and the religious composition of their class, children use census data and digital mapping to investigate what these can suggest about religion and its limitations. They consider the importance of freedom of religion or belief and how Religion and worldviews lessons can help them become better citizens in the future. (Multiple worldviews)

**Summer
1**

What happens when we die? Part 2 (6 lessons)

Continuing to investigate concepts relating to death, children learn the meaning of reincarnation and enlightenment and compare these ideas with those studied in part 1. They create a visual representation of enlightenment, incorporating their own beliefs and those of different worldviews. (Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh)

**Summer
2**

Who should get to be in charge? (6 lessons)

Investigating the different ways religious leadership and authority are determined, children explore what happens when people don't agree. They examine evidence, use debating techniques and develop their knowledge of democracy, bloodline and being 'chosen' to think critically about the issues raised. (Muslim, Sikh, Christian)

**Additional
collection
lessons
(optional)**

Christmas

Why do some people use different names for Jesus? (1 lesson)

Investigating the different names and titles used for Jesus and what these mean for some Christians.

Easter

What might the Easter story suggest about life after death? (1 lesson)

Exploring the symbolism of Jesus' resurrection, the children consider beliefs about death and how the Easter story can bring comfort to many Christians.

Year 5/6 Cycle B

**Autumn
1**

Respectful R&W(1 lesson)

Learning about religion and worldviews and teaching children how to be respectful during Religion and worldviews lessons.

Why doesn't Christianity always look the same? (6 lessons)

Exploring the spread of Christian beliefs worldwide, children will look at how geography and history influenced Christian practices. By examining Bible stories, historical accounts, and first-hand experiences, they will investigate why, despite sharing the same fundamental beliefs, Christian practices vary in the UK and around the world. They will role-play as people of the past to understand why Pentecost was a pivotal moment in the development of Christianity.

**Autumn
2**

Why are some places in the world significant to believers?
(6 lessons)

Using maps, pictures, texts and personal responses, children investigate why some places are significant to some religions. They explore what these places can reveal about beliefs and culture and think critically about why and how people can respectfully visit religiously significant places whatever their beliefs.
(Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Sikh and Hindu)

Spring 1

Why do Abrahamic religions look different around the world? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Building on comparisons about the origins of the Abrahamic religions, children discover how some religious practices are observed. They consider how culture, tradition, migration and interpretation can affect how someone practices their religion. (Jewish, Muslim, Christian)

Spring 2

Why is there suffering? Part 1 (6 sessions) - coming soon!

Discussing suffering, sin and free will, children find out what people from different worldviews think about this challenging question. Through analysing stories and texts, they explore why some people turn to God in times of suffering whereas others take it as evidence that God does not exist. (Jewish, Christian, Zoroastrian, Buddhist)

**Summer
1**

Why is it better to be there in person? (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Thinking back to previous learning about prayer and worship, children find out about significant journeys and pilgrimages and why visiting a particular place is so important to some people. They investigate the challenges of pilgrimage experiences and consider whether it is better to visit a place in person. (Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Humanist)

**Summer
2**

Why is there suffering? Part 2 (6 lessons) - coming soon!

Deepening their understanding of suffering, children explore alternative ideas about and responses to suffering through texts and stories. They consider how people might respond to suffering and how their reactions are influenced by their worldview. (Shinto, Buddhist, Sikh Humanist)

**Additional
collection
lessons
(optional)**

Christmas
Who celebrates Christmas? (1 lesson)

Investigating what Christmas means to some people and how this can influence what happens during the Christmas period.

Easter
Why might some people take part in Easter traditions?(1 lesson)

Considering the impact of different Easter traditions and practices, the children discuss how symbolism, connection to God, and a sense of community are reflected.

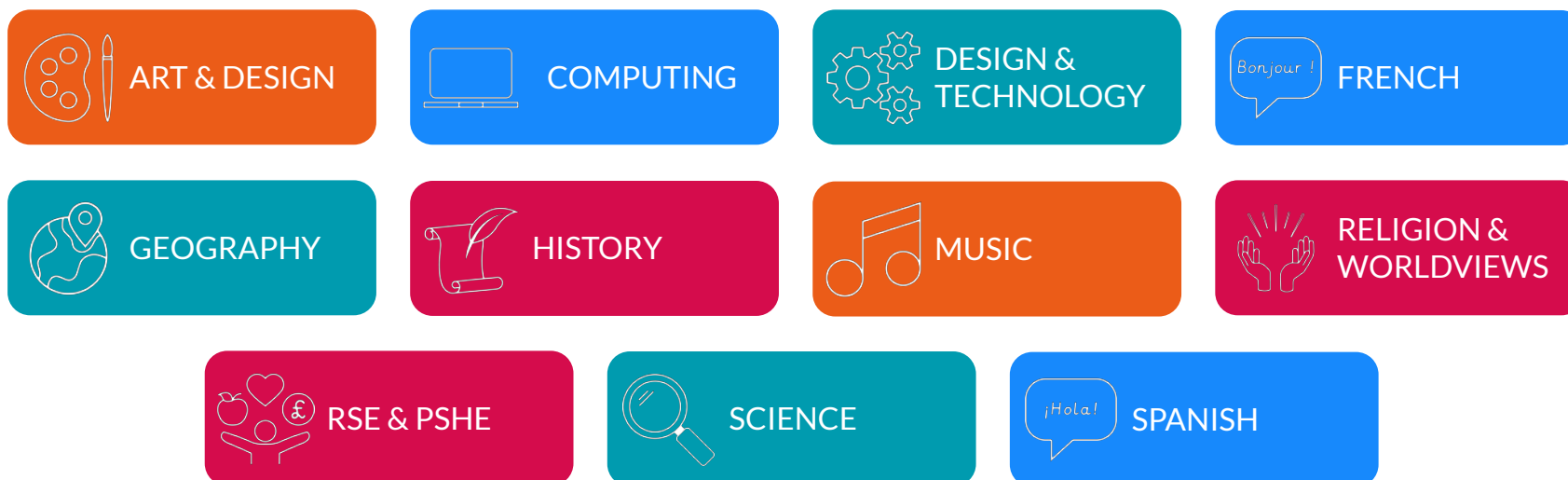
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