

RE progression of knowledge, skills and vocabulary EYFS, KS1 and KS2

	Units of work	Key knowledge	Key skills	Key vocabulary
2- plus	Mini-theme 1: Families / Diwali Mini-theme 2: Christmas / Hannukah Mini-theme 3: Lunar New Year Mini-theme 4: Eid / Easter	 Describe their family and comment on other families Begin to understand some differences between themselves and others 	 Make connections between the features of their family and other families Notice differences between people Notice and ask questions about differences, such as skin colour, types of hair, gender, special needs and disabilities, and so on 	Mini-theme 1: celebrate, family, Diwali, festival, light, candle, fireworks Mini-theme 2: Christmas, Jesus, angel, Hannukah, special, gift, Star of David Mini-theme 3: decorate, lunar, lantern, red, gold, dragon Mini-theme 4: Eid, mosque, crescent moon, Eid Mubarak, Easter, church, cross
Nursery	Year A Mini-theme 1: Settling-in / Families / Diwali Mini-theme 2: Christmas / Hannukah Mini-theme 3: Lunar New Year Mini-theme 4: Eid / Easter Year B Mini-theme 1: Settling-in / Families / Diwali Mini-theme 2: Christmas / Hannukah Mini-theme 3: Lunar New Year / Ramadan Mini-theme 4: Eid / Easter	Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community	Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people	Year A Mini-theme 1: friendship, differences, kindness, Diwali, Diva, Rama, Sita, rangoli, fireworks Mini-theme 2: festival, God, Christmas, Jesus, manger, decorate, giving, gift, Hannukah, menorah, Star of David Mini-theme 3: Lunar New Year, China, lucky, dragon, dance, envelope, firecracker Mini-theme 4: Eid, mosque, pray, crescent moon, share, give, charity, Easter, church, new life, cross Year B Mini-theme 1: friendship, differences, kindness, Diwali, Diva, Rama, Sita, rangoli, fireworks Mini-theme 2: festival, God, Christmas, Jesus, manger, decorate, giving, gift, Hannukah, menorah, Star of David Mini-theme 3: Lunar New Year, China, lucky, dragon, dance, envelope, firecracker Mini-theme 4: Eid, mosque, pray, crescent moon, share, give, charity, Easter, church, new life, cross
Reception	Mini-theme 1: Settling-in / Diwali / Harvest Festival Mini-theme 2: Christmas / Hannukah Mini-theme 3: New Year's Day / Lunar New Year / Ramadan Mini-theme 4: Eid / Easter	 Name and describe people who are familiar to them Understand that some places are special to members of their community Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways Talk about members of their immediate family and community Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class 	 See themselves as a valuable individual Think about the perspectives of others Show sensitivity to their own and others' needs 	Mini-theme 1: important, responsible, kind, charity, giving, sharing, harvest, Diwali, Hindu, Sikh, temple Mini-theme 2: festival, Christmas, Christian, God, Jesus, nativity, church, Hannukah, menorah, synagogue, Star of David, similar, different, respect Mini-theme 3: new year, resolution, improve, lunar, China, lucky, dragon, dance, envelope, firecracker Mini-theme 4: Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Ramadan, fast, mosque, pray, crescent moon, share, give, charity, Easter, church, new life, cross, bonnet

Year 1/2	Year A • Unit 1: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? • Unit 2: Who is Jewish and how do they live? • Unit 3: How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter? Year B • Unit 1: Who do Christians say made the world • Unit 2: Who is a Muslim and how do they live it? • Unit 3: What makes some places sacred to believers?	Recall key facts about major world religions (e.g. Christianity, Islam, Judaism) Identify key practices, stories, and places of worship (e.g., a church, mosque, synagogue)	1.Critical Thinking: Begin to compare similarities and differences between religions and beliefs Respond to questions about meaning, values, and purpose raised by religious stories and practices 2.Personal Application: Reflect on their own feelings and experiences when learning about others' beliefs Share examples of special times or places in their lives and relate them to religious traditions	Year A Unit 1: community, Muhammad (PBUH), Allah, Shabbat, Ichthus, faith, wedding, baptism, Aqiqah, parable Unit 2: synagogue, Torah, Jewish, Mezuzah, Shabbat, Shema, God, Chanukah, dreidel, Star of David Unit 3: community, world, psalm, stewardship, love, Genesis, religious, non-religious, Christian, Jewish Year B Unit 1: creation, world, belief, thank, harvest, God, believe, Bible, Genesis, praise Unit 2: Muslim, prophet, Shahadah, Ramadan, Allah, Tawhid, Islam, Salah, Zakah, Hajj, Sawm Unit 3: Jewish, holy, Christian, place of worship, Muslim, community, sacred, worship, church, mosque, Shabbat, synagogue
Year 3/4	Year A • Unit 1: How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people? • Unit 2: What is the 'trinity' and why is it important for Christians? • Unit 3: How and why do people try to make the world a better place? Year B • Unit 1: What do Hindus believe God is like? • Unit 2: How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim? • Unit 3: How and why do people mark the significant events of life?	 Describe key beliefs, practices, and symbols in at least three major world religions (e.g., Christianity, Hinduism, Islam) Begin to explore lesser-known religions and secular worldviews Understand the significance of religious texts and their impact on believers 	1.Critical Thinking: Ask and respond to deeper questions about why people believe and act as they do Recognise and discuss ethical and moral questions in religious stories or practices 2.Personal Application: Reflect on how religious values and teachings might influence their own lives or choices Begin to explore how their values align or differ from those they study	Year A Unit 1: freedom, Torah, Yom Kippur, Orthodox, Pesach, Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Shema, Progressive, forgiveness Unit 2: Trinity, Holy Spirit, Messiah, John the Baptist, Believer's Baptism, Father, Jesus, Scripture, Infant Baptism, denomination Unit 3: Tikkun Olam, Jewish, Muslim, Zakat, stewardship, steward, salvation, humanist, Golden Rule, Christian Year B Unit 1: Hindu, Brahman, deity, Namaste, Shiva, Aum, Atman, Lakshmi, Vishnu, Brahma Unit 2: prophet, Muhammad, Allah, fasting, Hajj, Qur'an, Salah, Shahadah, Sawm, Zakah Unit 3: significant, journey, baptism, commitment, marriage, Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, ceremony, wedding, sacred thread

Year 5/6

Year A

- **Unit 1:** Why is the torah so important to Jewish people?
- Unit 2: Why do some people believe in God and some people do not?
- Unit 3: Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

Year B

- **Unit 1:** Why do Hindus want to be good?
- Unit 2: What matters most to humanists and Christians?
- Unit 3: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

- Explain the significance of major festivals, beliefs, and practices across a broader range of religions (e.g., Sikhism, Buddhism, secular worldviews)
- Explore the historical and cultural context of religious practices
- Identify how religions interact with wider society (e.g., through charity, politics, and global issues)

1.Critical Thinking:

- Analyse similarities and differences between religions and secular worldviews
- Debate moral and ethical dilemmas, using insights from religious teachings to inform arguments

2.Personal Application:

- Consider their own responses to big questions about life, meaning, and purpose
- Evaluate how religious teachings could influence decisions in personal or social contexts

Year A

Unit 1: Torah, Sefer Torah, Orthodox, Pesach (Passover), synagogue, kosher, Progressive, Kashrut, secular Unit 2: theist, atheist, psychology, evidence, psychologist, agnostic, humanist, philosophy, reason, theologian
Unit 3: messiah, incarnation, saviour, Immanuel, Micah, theological, prophecy, gospel, prophet, Isaiah

Year B

Unit 1: dharma, samsara, reincarnation, atman, duty, karma, moksha, brahman, ahimsa, deity Unit 2: humanist, belief, Golden Rule, humanism, worldview, Christian, values, authority, non-religious Unit 3: Muslim, ibadah, submission, Ramadan, Shahadah, Salah, Sawm, Zakah, Hajj, pilgrimage