



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### **Diocesan Agreed Syllabus Expectations**

The principal aim of RE is to enable pupils to hold balanced and informed conversations about religion and belief

Aims and purposes of Religious Education in the Church school.

This principal aim incorporates the following aims of Religious Education in Church schools:

- 'To enable pupils to know about and understand Christianity as a living faith that influences the lives of people worldwide and as the religion that has most shaped British culture and heritage.
- To enable pupils to know and understand about other major world religions and non-religious worldviews, their impact on society, culture and the wider world, enabling pupils to express ideas and insights.
- To contribute to the development of pupils' own spiritual/philosophical convictions, exploring and enriching their own beliefs and values.

Appropriate to their age at the end of their education in Church schools, the expectation is that all pupils are religiously literate and as a minimum pupils are able to:

- Give a theologically informed and thoughtful account of Christianity as a living and diverse faith.
- Show an informed and respectful attitude to religions and non-religious worldviews in their search for God and meaning.
- Engage in meaningful and informed dialogue with those of other faiths and none.
- Reflect critically and responsibly on their own spiritual, philosophical and ethical convictions.'





### **Statutory and Non-Statutory Frameworks:**

EII	FS	KS1		LKS2		UKS2	
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Development Matters:	Development Matters:	Diocesan Agreed Syllabus Pupils should be taught about:		Diocesan Agreed Syllabus Pupils should be taught about:			
Communication and Language Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens Use a wider range of vocabulary Be able to express a point of view Understand how to listen carefully Learn new vocabulary Ask questions to find out more Personal, Social and Emotional development Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important Talk about feelings	Communication and Language Articulate their ideas and thoughts in wellformed sentences Engage in storytimes Listen to and talk about stories Retell the story Use new vocabulary Personal, Social and Emotional development Build constructive and respectful relationships Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses Watch and talk about dance and	description of who Give examples of what people believes diverses and other believers and other believers their believers their belief individually and a Give examples of believers put the practice Making Connection what properties of the practice of the	beliefs and and give a simple at they mean. how stories show eve (e.g. the a festival) accounts of what texts mean to the Impact how people use teachings to and actions, as communities • ways in which in beliefs into	and concepts st Make clear links texts/sources of concepts studie Offer informed what texts/sour mean and give of these sources of Understanding Make simple line teachings and con how people live communities Describe how people live communities Describe how people live dentify some despeople put their Making Connectors Raise important suggest answers beliefs and prace	scribe the core beliefs udied. s between f authority and the key d suggestions about rees of authority might examples of what hean to believers.  the Impact lks between stories, oncepts studied and e, individually and in eople show their hey worship and in the ifferences in how r beliefs into practice etions	and concepts stufrom texts/source religions Describe example people use texts, to make sense of concepts Taking account of suggest meaning authority studied ideas with ways interpret them, so different interpret. Understanding to Make clear connections what people belified, individually Using evidence a how and why periods.	ain the core beliefs died, using examples es of authority in es of ways in which sources of authority core beliefs and f the context(s), s for texts/sources of d, comparing their in which believers showing awareness of etations.  *he Impact* ections between eve and how they and in communities. In dexamples, show ople put their beliefs ifferent ways, e.g. in nities,





Understand gradually				
how others will be				
feeling				

### Understanding the World

Begin to make sense of their own life story and family history Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people Talk about members of their immediate family and community

### expressing their feelings and responses

Understanding the World

Talk about members of their immediate family and community Understand that some places are special to members of their community

Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways

Explore the natural

world around them

Talk about what they have learned

Make links between some of the beliefs and practices studied and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly Give good reasons for the views they have and the connections they make Talk about what they have learned and if they have changed their thinking

Make connections between the beliefs and practices studied, evaluating and explaining their importance to different people (e.g. believers and atheists) Reflect on and articulate lessons people might gain from the beliefs/practices studied, including their own responses, recognising that others may think differently. Consider and weigh up how ideas studied 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. Talk about what they have learned, how their thinking may have changed and why





### Religious Education at St Michael's CE Primary School

As a Church of England school, RE is core within our curriculum offer. Our RE curriculum enables children to hold balanced and informed conversations about religion and belief. They will understand Christianity as a living faith that influences the lives of people around the world and has shaped British culture and heritage. Children will know and understand about other major world religions, their impact on society, culture and the wider world – enabling children to express ideas and insights. RE will contribute to the development of children's own spiritual convictions, exploring and enriching their own beliefs and values.



### **Big Ideas**

#### Making sense of beliefs

- Identifying and making sense of core religious concepts and beliefs and what they mean
- Recognising how and why sources of authority and used and interpreted in different ways

#### **Understanding the impact**

 Examining how and why people put their beliefs into action in diverse ways and within everyday lives.

#### **Making connections**

- Reasoning about, reflecting on and evaluating concepts, beliefs and practices.
- Challenge ideas and thinking
- Understand connections between ideas and own lives

'RE is like an iceberg. As you unpack the ideas, you come to understand deeper meaning.'

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### Links with other subjects English

- High quality texts
- Vocabulary and non-fiction writing
- Reasoning and inference

#### Maths

Number, statistics

Art – religious art

#### Pedagogy

- Low stakes quizzing for long term memory
- Varied teaching and learning activities
- Thoughtful sequencing of content
- Specific teaching of vocabulary

#### **Progress**

- Units of work are carefully sequenced so prior knowledge and concepts are built upon
- Regular formative assessment and assessment for learning ensures gaps are filled
- Effective questioning and higher order thinking features in every lesson
- Progress and attainment within units is recorded and shared with all teaching staff
- Opportunities are provided for revisiting content or applying learning at greater depth.
- End of unit quizzes

#### Support

#### For staff:

- Diocesan RE Syllabus
- Subject associations NATRE
- Understanding Christianity

#### For Pupils:

- Ambitious targets
- Quality first planning and teaching to meet all needs
- Guidance from individual support plans
- Texts / resources chosen which are accessible





Music – religious music	<ul> <li>Higher order thinking tasks</li> </ul>	Children requiring support do not miss the same
		lesson every week

### Long term plan over a 2-year cycle:

### Year A September 2022 and then September 2024

	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr 1	Spr 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
EYFS	F4: Being special: where do we belong?	Incarnation F2 Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?	F5: Which place and why?	s are special	F6: Which stori and why?	es are special
KS1	1.10 How should we care for the world and for others, and why does it matter?	1.9 What makes some places sacred to believers? (Geog, Art, Computing)	Gospel 1.4 What is the good news Jesus brings? (RE)	Salvation 1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Digging Deeper)	1.7 Who is Jewish and how do you live? 10-12 hrs (digging deeper) Shabbat	1.8 Who am I? What does it mean to belong?
LKS2	Incarnation / God L2A.3 What is the Trinity? (Baptism)	Gospel L2A.4 What kind of world did Jesus want?	L2.9 What are the deeper meanings of festivals?	Kingdom of God L2A.6 When Jesus left what was the impact of Pentecost?	L2.8 What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? (digging deeper) Divali	
UKS2	U2B.1 What does it mean if God is holy and loving?	U2B.8 What kind of king is Jesus?	People of God U2B.3 How can following God bring freedom and justice?	Salvation U2B.7 What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?	U2.11 Why do some people believe in God and some people not?	U2.13 Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers?





### Year B September 2023 and then 2025

	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr 1	Spr 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
EYFS	God/Creation F1 Why is the word God so important to Christians?		Jesus' life and stories		F6: Which stories are special and why?	
KS1	Creation 1.2 Who do Christians say made the world?	Incarnation 1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	God 1.1 What do Christians believe God is like?	Salvation 1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians?	1.7 Who is Jewish and how of you live? Succoth	
LKS2	Creation / Fall L2A.1  What do Christians learn from the creation story? + digging deeper		People of God L2A.2 What is it like to follow God?	Salvation L2A.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday	L2.7 What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? Holi	L2.10 How and why do believers show their commitments during the journey of life?
UKS2	Gospel U2B.5 What would Jesus do?	Incarnation U2B.4 Was Jesus the Messiah?	U2B.2 Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary? (Sci)	Salvation U2B.6 What did Jesus do to save human beings?	U2.9 What do Muslims to fo	oes it mean for ollow God?





#### **Skills of a Theologian**

Skills are progressive and children build upon these over the key stages:

God, church, Creator, create, heaven, earth, universe, Harvest, Prayer, pray, story, Jesus, Bible, Islam, Qur'an, unique, valuable, special, events, Jewish, belief, disciples, friends, baptism, symbols, Hinduism, worship, places, church, nature, natural world, feelings, thoughts, Mary and Joseph, birth, nativity, celebrate, Christian, Christmas.

Creation, creator, Bible, Christians, God, World, Genesis, Parable, loving, forgiving, sorry, Judaism, Jewish, Jew, Shema, Mezuzah, Shabbat, Hannukah, Sukkot, Christmas, Advent, Jesus, Christ, Gospel, Nativity, Salvation, Spring, Easter, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, crucifixion, tomb, Mary Magdalene, Holy Week, Uniqueness, charity, Samaritan, global, Tikkun olam, Tu B'Shevat,

### LKS2

Brahman, Svetaketu, Trimurti, Murtis, Karma, puja, Bhajan, Mandir, Creation, creator, create, steward, relationship, Bible, Old Testament, Noah, Genesis, God, pact, command, worship, covenant, promises, Bible, Holy Week, Mary (mother of Jesus), Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday

### UKS2

Muslim, Allah, Tawhid, Muhammad: Qur'an, Five Pillars of Islam, Mecca, Pilgrimage, Hajj, Mosque, Sunnah, Hadith, Sadaqah, Death, resurrection, New Testament, sacrifice, sin, Holy Communion, Eucharist, The Wise and Foolish Builders, The Sermon on the Mount, The Centurion's Servant, Incarnation, Messiah, Gospel, Prophecy, theist, agnostic, atheist





Skills	EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Progression							
Making sense	Can explain how to use the name God	Creation as the start of the Bible Talk	Experience, discuss and	Identify Hindu deities	Describe Hindu beliefs about God	Can identify and talk about Muslim beliefs	Can identify and explain Muslim
of belief	and why God is	about thanking God	describe creation	Talk about duties	(eg Braham,	Can talk about how	beliefs about God, the
	important	for Creation	Ask questions	they have now	Trimurti)	Muslim sources guide	Prophet and the Holy
Identifying and making	Can explain a	Recall the Creation	about Creation	compared to when	Can explore	the way lives are	Qur'an (e.g. Tawhid;
sense of core religious	favourite story and	story / Easter Story	How God intends	they get older	qualities of each of	lived.	Muhammad as the
and non-religious	say what they like	Talk about parables	people to live in	Use knowledge of	the deities	Talk about timeline of	Messenger, Qur'an as
beliefs, understand	Talk about who the	(Lost Son)	his creation	the 'big story' to	Can explain what	'big story' and	the message).
what these beliefs	story is about	Discuss what God is	Talk about	put God and	Christians believe	incarnation and	Can talk about how
mean within their	Explain if the story	like Talk about	parables and their	Creation on timeline.	about God and	salvation and	Muslim sources guide
traditions, recognising	is about God Can talk about who	communities	meaning (Lost Son) Recall stories	Can talk about	Creation and make links to Genesis 1	Messiah Retell the events	the way lives are lived.
how and why sources	they care about	What is important in	Explain how	what makes the	Can tell some of	leading to Jesus'	Talk about timeline of
of authority (such as	and how they show	a community	parable suggests	world wonderful	the story of the	death	'big story' and
texts) are used,	it.	Say what Jesus	how God is like a	Can talk about	people of God	Know the Gospels	incarnation and
expressed and	Can talk about	taught about loving	loving parent	their own creations	Use timeline to	give accounts of Jesus	salvation and Messiah
interpreted in different	somewhere special	other people	Know loving others	and how they feel	place Creation Fall	death and	Explore Jesus' death
ways and developing	to themselves	Can describe what	is important to lots	about them	Incarnation Gospel	resurrection	as a sacrifice using
skills of interpretation	Can talk about	words they would	of communities	Can talk about the	Salvation	Talk about parables	theological terms
	their feelings and	like to have	Recall what Jesus	story of Noah	Use timeline to	as a feature of the	Talk about the
	thoughts.	displayed in their	taught about	Use timeline to	place Creation Fall	Gospel texts	features of the Gospel
	Can talk about	home and why.	loving others and	place Creation Fall	Incarnation Gospel	Retell a story Jesus	texts such as
	what they like	Talk about prayer	what other	Incarnation Gospel	Salvation	told	parables, teachings
	about nature and	Describe times of	religious leaders	Salvation	Retell the story of	Know some prophecy	and narratives.
	the world.	rest How stories used in	teach Explore how rest	Retell story of Holy Week using	Holy week	texts which talk about	Retell and explain some stories Jesus
	Knows some	celebrations remind	'	artefact prompts	discussing emotions	the coming of the Messiah	told
	stories about Jesus	people what God is	encourages reflection (Jewish	Talk about Holy		What kind of Saviour	Explain what the
	Jesus is not just a	like	religion)	week and its	Give examples	was Jesus?	prophecy texts tell us
	special baby but	(Shabbat/Sukkot)	Ask guestions	importance	of what the	Talk about why some	about what the
	God on earth	Recall events in the	about what Jewish	Know what the	text studied mean	people might not	Messiah will be like
	Can talk about	Nativity	people celebrate	Gospels contain	to some Christians.	think he was.	Talk about whether
	Jesus' parents Talk about the	Introduce big story	and why		Know the	Explore creation on	Jesus fits these
	Bible as a book	Incarnation and	Give clear account		difference	the 'big story'	expectations
	חימוב מז מ מחחני	Salvation	of		between the	timeline.	





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Progression							
	Nativity story is about Jesus' birth	Can explain how people are unique Discuss importance of friendship Identify a story which illustrates uniqueness or friendship	God came to earth as Jesus to bring Good News Recognise stories of Jesus birth come from the Gospels Recall 'big story' incarnation and salvation Recognise link between Easter and Salvation Identify a Bible story which illustrates uniqueness or friendship		Gospels and a letter Talk about what the texts of the Gospel mean to Christians today	Recall text of Genesis Talk about the idea of scientific account of cosmology and evolution Recall Christians celebrate God as creator through Harvest Talk about acceptance of evolution by the church Talk about term 'atheist' Explain what religious and non-religious believe about God Explore reasons Explore biblical texts which describe God	Talk about Genesis and its purpose Explain creation on the 'big story' timeline and recall text of Genesis Talk about the idea of scientific account of cosmology and evolution Develop questions relating to the beginning of the universe and life Talk about Scientists who are also Christians Talk about and define terms 'theist' 'atheist' and 'agnostic' Say examples of statements that reflect these beliefs Can discuss ideas about God using theological terms
Understanding the impact Examining how and why people put their beliefs into action within their everyday lives, within their communities and the wider world.	Explain features of a celebration such as Harvest Can explain why Christians pray in church Can explain an event which made them feel special Can explain what	Give examples of how Christians and Jews can show care for the natural earth. Talk about what God behaves like and how we should behave Can say how I feel a sense of belonging	Say why Christians and Jews might look after the natural world. Explain God's behaviour in stories with examples and how that impacts us Say which ceremonies	Explain what a believer might learn from a religious story.  Use religious words to describe some of the different ways in which people show their beliefs.	Ask questions about who we are and where we belong Can say how Christians behave because they believe God is the creator of the world	Talk about Muslim worship Compare Jesus' death and the Lord's supper Can talk about how and why Jesus died for us Talk about Jesus as the good news and how Christians live in	Connect Muslim beliefs and worship (mosques, art etc) Can explain how Muslim's put beliefs into practice Talk about the connections between the Christian belief in Jesus' death as a sacrifice and how





Skills
Progression





Skills	EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Progression							
Making connections Reasoning about, reflecting on, evaluating and connecting the concepts, beliefs and practices studied allowing pupils to challenge ideas and possible connections between these ideas and pupils own lives and ways of understanding the world	Throughout Make Sense & Und Impact - Use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.  Talk about how they and others show feelings.	Think and talk about living in an amazing world What can we learn from stories Talk about situations in school that reflect learning Talk about communities they are part of and what they enjoy What prayer is like in school Explain what has been learned Christmas as a time to be thankful What happens in a church at Christmas Talk about what Easter means to them Give reasons why everyone should care for each other and the natural world	Discuss respect for the natural world and how they should live in it How can we learn from stories Talk about situations in school that reflect learning Talk about what is good about being part of a community for people of faith and themselves Explain clearly what has been learned Talk about what to be thankful for at Christmas Advent as a time for preparation Ask questions about what feelings the Easter story touches on Does belief in God help people care for each other or the natural world	Consider the way people behave and think and how it links to what I consider important Can describe what similarities and differences with family values, and community and home rituals of pupils in the class Make links between the story of Noah and how we live in school Explain importance of Easter to Christians today Talk about Bible texts they know and what it tells people about God	Talk about what good things come from sharing in worship and rituals in family and community. Can discuss responsibilities of stewardship Make links between the story of Noah and how we live in the wider world. Ask questions about the moral decisions people make and the impact it can have especially referencing religious beliefs Link stories and teachings in Bible to life in the world today expressing their own ideas Talk about Bible texts they know and what it tells people about God Talk about their own ideas of what God of Christianity is like.	Talk about Muslim beliefs and how people live Talk about the values of submission, obedience, generosity, self-control and worship in the lives of Muslims today Can they recall teachings and stories about peace and forgiveness or healing? Talk about the idea that Jesus is the Messiah is important today. Talk about what questions have arisen from Genesis Discuss how ideas of God influence people today	Make clear connections between Muslim beliefs studied and Muslim ways of living in Britain/the North East today. Talk about values and how they apply to non-Muslims Can they relate biblical teachings and ideas to issues or problems in their own lives or community and offer their thoughts. Can explain that if Jesus is the Messiah how it can make a difference in people's lives and the world today. Explore whether Genesis is in conflict or complementary with scientific view Be able to discuss whether God can be both holy and loving and which would impact in the world today.





### **Promoting SMSC and British Values in Religious Education**

Spiritual	Moral	Social	Cultural
<ul> <li>Discuss and reflect upon key questions of meaning.</li> <li>The enquiries provide opportunities to reflect on concepts and how these are relevant to the children's lives.</li> <li>Learn and reflect upon important concepts, experiences and beliefs which are at the heart of religious traditions and practices in lessons and as part of collective worship.</li> <li>Consider how beliefs and concepts in religion may be expressed through the creative and expressive arts.</li> <li>Consider how religions perceive the values of human beings and their relationships with one another, with the natural world and with God.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Value diversity and engage in issues of truth, justice and trust.</li> <li>Explore the influence on moral choices of family, friends and the media and how society is influenced by beliefs, teachings, sacred texts and guidance from religious leaders.</li> <li>Consider what is of ultimate value to pupils through studying the key beliefs and teachings from religion on values and ethical codes of practice.</li> <li>Study a range of moral issues, including those that focus on justice, to promote racial and religious respect.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consider how religious beliefs lead to particular actions and concerns.</li> <li>Investigate social issues from religious perspectives, recognising diversity of viewpoint within and between religions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote cultural understanding from a religious perspective through encounters with people, literature, the creative and expressive arts and resources from differing cultures.</li> <li>Consider the relationship between religion and cultures and how religious beliefs contribute to cultural identity and practices</li> <li>Promote racial harmony and respect for all, combating prejudice and discrimination.</li> <li>Visitors to school Handling artefacts</li> </ul>





Democracy 45	The Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Respect (1)	Tolerance of those with different faiths				
<ul> <li>Group work and enquiry- peer group interaction</li> <li>Teaching about rules, laws, models of decision making, power and democracy.</li> <li>Actively modelling democratic processes including debates and the freedom of speech.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Techniques for lessons to promote respect, listening as well as making contributions and responding constructively to others.</li> <li>Stories used in RE actively promote respect and fairness.</li> <li>School values promote fairness and value the contribution of all class members equally.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consideration of freedom and responsibility.</li> <li>Understanding of choices and the impact that choices can have on others and the consequences of making individual choices.</li> <li>Exploration of how religious beliefs can guide choices for some people</li> </ul>	Through learning about religions, children are encouraged to develop respect for the beliefs of others. Discussions are undertaken in such a way that respect is shown for all opinions. Children are encouraged to understand that it is alright to have different beliefs and opinions but that everyone is entitled to their opinion	<ul> <li>Understand what makes for good relationships with others.</li> <li>Self-awareness leading onto awareness of others and tolerance of others/difference.</li> <li>Emotional intelligence developed through self-awareness and empathy.</li> </ul>				