

Religious Education Content Coverage for Primary

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
	Religion and Rituals	Gifts and Giving	Friendship	Easter and Surprises	Caring for Others	Places of Worship
Year 1	Pupils are introduced to the idea that people follow religions and have special routines or rituals. Children learn about daily and weekly religious practices and why these are important to believers, making links to their own routine	Children explore why people give gifts and how this links to religious celebrations, particularly Christmas. Pupils reflect on generosity, kindness and giving as an expression of care and love.	Pupils learn about friendship and kindness through religious stories and teachings. They explore how religions encourage people to care for others and be good friends.	Children learn about the Easter story and the idea of surprise and new beginnings. Pupils explore how Easter is celebrated and why it is important to Christians.	Pupils explore how religions teach people to care for others. They make links between religious values and everyday actions such as helping, sharing and showing compassion.	Children learn about different places of worship and why they are special. Pupils identify key features of religious buildings and understand how they are used.
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	Rules and Routines	Christianity	Light and Dark	Easter and Surprises	Nature and God	Beginnings and Endings
Year 2	Pupils explore why rules and routines are important in daily life and religious communities. They learn how rules help people live together and express beliefs.	Children develop their understanding of Christian beliefs, focusing on key stories and teachings. Pupils learn about Jesus and what Christians believe about God.	Pupils explore the symbolic use of light and dark in religion. They learn about festivals and stories where light represents hope and guidance	Children learn about religious ceremonies such as baptisms and weddings. Pupils explore why these events are meaningful and how they mark important life stages.	Pupils explore religious beliefs about creation and caring for the natural world. They reflect on why nature is important and how people show respect for it.	Children consider beginnings and endings in life and religion. Pupils explore how religions mark these moments through stories, rituals and reflection.
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	Signs and Symbols	The Nativity Story	Judaism	Good Friday	Islam	Hindu Dharma
Year 3	Pupils explore how religions use signs and symbols to express beliefs. They learn the meaning behind common religious symbols and where they are used.	Children deepen their understanding of the Christian Christmas story. Pupils explore the meaning of the Nativity and why it is important to Christians.	Pupils learn about Jewish beliefs, practices and festivals. They explore key aspects of Jewish life, including the Torah and the synagogue.	Children learn about the events of Good Friday and why the crucifixion of Jesus is significant for Christians. Pupils reflect on sacrifice and forgiveness.	Pupils are introduced to Islam, learning about key beliefs and practices. They explore the importance of prayer, mosques and the Qur'an.	Children learn about Hindu beliefs, values and ways of life. Pupils explore stories, deities and ideas such as dharma and respect for all living things.

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	Food and Fasting	Buddhism	Faith Today	Christianity	People of Faith	The Bible
Year 4	Pupils explore how food is used in religious life and why some believers fast. They learn about fasting in different religions and its purpose.	Children learn about the life of the Buddha and key Buddhist teachings. Pupils explore ideas such as mindfulness, kindness and the Eightfold Path.	Pupils explore how people practise religion in the modern world. They consider how faith influences daily life and personal choices today.	Children deepen their understanding of Christian beliefs and teachings. Pupils explore key ideas about God, Jesus and Christian living	Pupils learn about inspirational people of faith and how their beliefs guide their actions. They explore how faith can motivate people to help others.	Children learn about the Bible as a sacred text. Pupils explore its structure, purpose and importance to Christians.
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	Worship	The True Meaning of Christmas	Commitment	Forgiveness	Hurt and Healing	Peace
Year 5	Pupils explore different ways people worship across religions. They learn how prayer, music and rituals are used to express belief.	Children explore the Christian meaning behind Christmas. Pupils reflect on themes of hope, love and salvation.	Pupils explore what commitment means in religious life. They learn about promises, dedication and belonging within faith communities.	Children explore the concept of forgiveness across religions. Pupils reflect on why forgiveness is important and how it affects relationships.	Pupils explore how religions respond to suffering and healing. They learn how faith can provide comfort and support during difficult times	Children explore religious teachings about peace. Pupils reflect on peace in their own lives, communities and the wider world.
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	What Matters Most?	The Christmas Story	Creation Stories	Justice and Freedom	Eternity	Crucifixion
Year 6	Pupils explore questions about values, purpose and meaning. They reflect on what matters most to different people and belief systems.	Children revisit the Christmas story, exploring its deeper theological meaning. Pupils consider why the story is still important to Christians today.	Pupils compare religious and non-religious creation stories. They explore different viewpoints about how the world began.	Children explore religious teachings about justice, freedom and responsibility. Pupils consider how beliefs influence moral decisions.	Pupils explore beliefs about life after death. They reflect on how different religions understand eternity and remembrance.	Children study the crucifixion of Jesus in depth. Pupils explore its significance within Christianity and reflect on sacrifice and hope.