

Curriculum map

Year group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS	Who are we?	Why are some times special?	How do we celebrate our journey through life?
	Focus Areas: A & D	Focus Areas: B & E	Focus Areas: A & D
	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Islam	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Judaism	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Islam
	Supplementary questions: a) Who and what is special to me? (People, places, experiences, feelings, stories, objects, beliefs, values) b) Who and what supports and guides us? (People, experiences, feelings, beliefs, values, ideas) c) What makes us joyful, peaceful, wonder, reflective, happy and sad? (Experiences, places, celebrations, stories, songs and, for some people, prayers) d) How might stories, prayers, songs, etc help us understand more about ourselves and ideas of God?	Supplementary questions: a)What special times and seasons can I remember? Why were these times special? b) Why are some festivals and celebrations special? • When do they happen? • What do they remember? • What do people do and why? c) What special objects might be used in festivals and celebrations? d) How might some stories and practices associated with religious and other festivals and celebrations relate to experiences and feelings in our own lives?	Supplementary questions: a) How do people celebrate the important events in their lives? (Birth, naming ceremonies, coming of age, joining a group, marriage, death) b) How do members of a religious faith celebrate these milestones in the journey of life? c) What artefacts, symbols and ceremonies are used at significant times? d) Why are some times in life significant or special?
Key vocabulary	Christians, family, special, choices, feelings	Celebration, festivals, passover, Seder plate, Easter, Last supper, Christianity, Judaism	Christianity, Islam, celebrations, baptism, Allah, God, Promise, Eid

Y1	Why are some places special?	Why is our world special?	How should we live our lives?
	Focus Areas: C & D	Focus Areas: A & E	Focus Areas: A & F
	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Hinduism	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Judaism Hinduism Humanism	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Judaism
	Supplementary questions: a) What places are special to me? Why are they special? b) What places are special to members of a religious or belief community? (Buildings used for worship, special places in the home) c) What do these buildings that are special to religious or belief communities look like? • Do they have special places, objects, pictures or symbols? • How are these used? • What do they tell us about what people believe?	Supplementary questions: a) How do I feel about the natural world? (E.g. wonder, amazement, mystery, worry, sadness) b) What do songs, poems, prayers and stories say about God as the Creator? c) What different ways can I use to show what I think and believe about our world? d) How do people show they care / don't care about our world?	Supplementary questions: a) How does what I do affect other people? b) What rules and codes of behaviour help me know what to do? c) What values are important to me, and how can I show them in how I live? (Fairness, honesty, forgiveness, kindness) d) How do some stories from religions and beliefs and the example set by some people show me what to do?
Key vocabulary	Hindus, Ganesha, temple, Church, symbol	Humanists, God, creation, Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, beliefs	Forgiveness, commandments, Bible, Yom Kippur, sins, Golden rule

Y2	Why is Jesus important?	Why are some stories special?	Where do we belong?
	Focus Areas: B & F	Focus Areas: C & F	Focus Areas: B & D
	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Judaism Islam Hinduism	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Judaism Islam
	Supplementary questions: a) What people help, inspire and guide me? What makes them special? b) What do stories from the Bible say about Jesus? (His birth, friends and followers, miracles, parables, death and resurrection) c) What things did Jesus say and do that guide people in their lives? What do I think? (e.g. love your neighbour / teachings on love and forgiveness)	Supplementary questions: a) What stories and books are special to me and my family? b) What stories and books are special to people within religions and beliefs? c) How are stories told and books used within religions and beliefs? d) What do some stories and books say about how people should live?	Supplementary questions: a) Where do I belong? (Feelings, experiences) b) Where do people belong? (Family, local community, group, club, place, country, faith) c) What do people do because they belong to a faith or belief community? d) How might ideas of family and community be reflected in our own lives?
Key vocabulary	Parable, Bible, Samaritan, Disciples, Resurrection	Parable, Church, synagogue, Torah, Old Testament and New Testament, Qur'an, Allah, Diwali	Belonging, traditions, Communion, Shabbat, Qur'an, Ramadan

Y3	What is important to me? Focus Areas: A & D Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Judaism Supplementary questions: a) Who am I and what does it mean to be human? (Physical and non-physical aspects of human identity) b) Where do I belong? (My school, home, family, tradition, cultures, organisations including those involving religion and belief, local community, the UK, the global community) c) What am I worth? (Beliefs about the value of human beings) d) How might stories, hymns, prayers etc help people understand more about themselves and their relationships?	What can we learn from the life and teaching of Jesus? Focus Areas: B & E Supplementary questions: a) Who is Jesus and what does it mean to follow him today? (Christian, Muslim, Hindu and other answers about the character and status of Jesus) b) What did Jesus teach about: i Love ii Sin, forgiveness and redemption iii Revenge and peace/ reconciliation iv Greed and giving v Making a difference vi Prayer vii Faith and hope viii Life after death? c) What do the narratives of Jesus' miracles tell us about some of the big questions of life? d) Why might Christmas, Lent and Easter be important to Christians?	Why do some people think that life is a journey? What significant experiences mark this? Focus Areas: E Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity & Hinduism & Judaism Supplementary questions: a) What are the significant milestones on this journey? What do different religions celebrate in their journey? E.g. baptisms (Christianity) Sacred thread Ceremony (Hinduism) Bar/ Bat Mitzvah (Judaism) b) Do non-religious people mark moments in life? c) What meaning do these ceremonies have to the individual, their family and their communities? d) Do religions guide people through life? If so, how?
Key vocabulary	Genesis (Bible), Sin, Temptation, repentance, community, value, Yom Kippur (day of atonement), Rosh HaShanah	Messiah, neighbour, forgiveness, redemption, miracle, Lent, resurrection	Journey, ceremony, baptism, bar/bat mitzvah, sacred, commitment, promises,

Y4	What does it mean to belong to a religion? JUDAISM	How should we live and who can inspire us?	What does it mean to belong to a religion? HINDUISM
	Focus Areas: B, D & E	Focus Areas: B & F	Focus Areas: B, D & E
	Supplementary questions: a) How do members of this faith celebrate and live out their beliefs in: i the journey of life? ii their main festivals and practices? iii their faith communities? iv the wider world? b) Within the different groups of this faith what are the most important similarities and key differences? Why do they differ? How do they seek to work together?	Featured religions / worldviews: Judaism & Sikhism Christianity & Hinduism Supplementary questions: a) What positive examples have people given that show us how to live? b) What values and commitments have inspired or been taught by founders of faiths or communities, leaders, believers and specific communities? c) How have the actions and example of people of faith or belief changed our world? d) How might we change our lives in the light of the qualities demonstrated by other people?	Supplementary questions: a) How do members of this faith celebrate and live out their beliefs in: i the journey of life? ii their main festivals and practices? iii their faith communities? iv the wider world? b) Within the different groups of this faith what are the most important similarities and key differences? Why do they differ? How do they seek to work together?
Key vocabulary	Shabbat, Mezuzah, Kiddush, Torah, Bar/ Bat Mitzvah, Passover, Synagogue,	leader/leadership, Passover, Guru, Hindu, inspirational,	Deity (name some of the deities), God/ Goddess, dharma, holi, diwali, brahma, symbolism, duty

Y5	Why do religious books and teachings matter?	Why are some journeys and places special?	How do we make moral choices?
	Focus Areas: C & F	Focus Areas: C & E	Focus Areas: A & F
	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Islam Hinduism	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Islam	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity Hinduism
	Supplementary questions: a) What different kinds of writing and story are there that are important to religions and beliefs? b) Where do the most special kinds of writings and stories come from? c) How do communities show that they value special books and writings? d) What are the moral messages that can be found in stories from religions and beliefs? e) How can I best express my beliefs and ideas?	Supplementary questions: a) Why do people believe that some places are special? b) Why do people go on pilgrimage and special journeys? c) What practices and events are associated with pilgrimage and special journeys? d) What artistic, symbolic and other expressive work is associated with special journeys and places? e) How might we make a record of the impact on ourselves of the journeys we make and the places we visit?	Supplementary questions: a) What are moral questions? b) What are the consequences of the moral choices we make? c) What people and organisations help in making moral choices? d) What are the most important moral values and teachings? e) How do we decide what is right and wrong?
Key vocabulary	Sacred, Bible, Parable,Testament, Vedas, scriptures, Qu'ran	Pilgrimage, Hajji, Ka'bah, Makkah,	Festival of Navratri, deity/deities, Divine Mother, qualities, Brahma

Y6	What does it mean to belong to a religion? CHRISTIANITY	What does it mean to belong to a religion? ISLAM	What do people believe about life?
	Focus Areas: B & D	Focus Areas: B, D & E	Focus Areas: A & E
	Supplementary questions: a) How do Christians celebrate and live out their beliefs in: i the journey of life? ii their main festivals and practices? iii their faith communities? iv the wider world? b) Within the different Christian groups what are the most important similarities and key differences? Why do they differ? How do they seek to work together?	Supplementary questions: a) How do members of this faith celebrate and live out their beliefs in: i the journey of life? ii their main festivals and practices? iii their faith communities? iv the wider world? b) Within the different groups of this faith what are the most important similarities and key differences? Why do they differ? How do they seek to work together?	Featured religions / worldviews: Christianity & Buddhism Supplementary questions: a) What feelings do people experience in relation to birth, change, death and the natural world? b) What answers might be given by ourselves and by religions and beliefs to questions about: i the origin and meaning of life? ii our place in society and the natural world? iii the existence of God? iv the experience of suffering? v life after death?
Key Vocabulary	Guardian, faith, Holy Communion, disciples, the Eucharist, resurrection, denominations, salvation, Holy trinity	Qur'an, Shahadah, Salah, Sawm / fast, Zakat, Hajj, Allah	Buddha, Enlightened, repentance, Wheel of Life (Bhavachakra), rebirth, miracle