

Religious Education Progression Map



Theology

There are four strands for theology:

- A. where beliefs come from
- B. how beliefs change overtime
- C. how beliefs relate to each other
- D. how beliefs shape the way believers see the world



Strand	Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
A. Where beliefs come from	Give a simple recount of a story used by Christians.	Give a clear, simple account of at least one narrative, story or important text used by at least one religion or worldview.	Retell a narrative, story or important text from at least one religion or worldview and recognise a link with a belief. Recognise different types of writing from within one text.	Show awareness of different sources of authority and how they link with beliefs. Identify different types of writing and give an example of how a believer might interpret a source of authority.	Identify different sources of authority and how they link with beliefs. Give examples of different writings and different ways in which believers interpret sources of authority.	Describe different sources of authority and how they link with beliefs. Describe a range of different interpretations of sources of authority and consider the reliability of these sources for a group of believers.	Explain different sources of authority and the connections with beliefs. Begin to discuss the reliability and authenticity of texts that are authoritative for a group of believers.

B. How beliefs change over time				Recognise that beliefs are influenced by events in the past and present.	Identify events in history and society which have influenced some religious and non-religious worldviews.	Describe how events in history and society have influenced some	
C. How beliefs relate to each other	connections between different Christian beliefs.	Recognise that narratives, stories and texts used by at least one religion or worldview contain beliefs.	beliefs connect together and begin to talk about these connections.	between beliefs being studied within a religion or worldview. Show awareness of some of the similarities and differences between and within religions	between different beliefs being studied within a religion or worldview. Identify some of the similarities and differences between and within religions and worldviews.	connections between different beliefs being studied and link them to sources of authority. Describe some of the key theological similarities and differences between and within religions and worldviews.	beliefs being studied

D.	Give an example of	Give an example of	Give different	Recognise ways in	Identify ways in which	Describe ways in	Explain and discuss
D.	how Christian	how Jews use	examples of how	which beliefs might	beliefs might make a	which beliefs shape	how beliefs shape the
How	festivals and	beliefs to guide their	beliefs influence daily	make	Christian think about	the way	way Buddhists
How	celebration show	daily lives.	life.	Muslims think about	how they live their	Hindus view the world	view the world in
beliefs	their belief in God.			how they live their	life, how they see the	in which they live and	which they live and
shape				life, how they see the	world in which they	how they view others.	how they view others
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Philosophy

There are three strands for philosophy:

- A. the nature of knowledge, meaning and existence
- B. how and whether things makesense
- C. Issues of right and wrong, good and bad



Strand	Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
A. The nature of knowled ge, meaning and existence		Ask questions about the world around them and talk about these questions. Begin to make connections between using their senses and what they know about the world around them.	Talk about the questions a story or practice from a religion or worldview might make them ask about the world around them. Talk about what people mean when they say they 'know' something.	Recognise that there are many different religious and non-religious answers to questions people raise about the world around them. Talk about the difference between knowing and believing.	Describe different philosophical answers to questions about the world around them, including questions relating to meaning and existence. Begin to use philosophical vocabulary when discussing issues relating to truth, reality and knowledge.	Explain different philosophical answers to questions about the world around them, including questions relating to meaning and existence. Explain some of the different ways in which philosophers understand abstract concepts.	Begin to analyse and evaluate a range of philosophical answers to questions about the world around them, including questions relating to meaning and existence. Begin to analyse and evaluate different ways in which philosophers understand abstract concepts.
B. How and whether things make sense		Give a simple reason using the word 'because' when talking about religion and belief.	Give a reason to say why someone might hold a particular belief using the word 'because'.	Decide if a reason or argument based on a religion or belief makes sense to them and is expressed clearly.	Give a simple reason using the word 'because' when talking about religion and belief.	Give a reason to say why someone might hold a particular belief using the word 'because'.	Decide if a reason or argument based on a religion or belief makes sense to them and is expressed clearly.

c.	Using religious and belief stories to talk	Using religious and	Recognise that	Describe a range	Explain a range of answers to ethical	Begin to analyse and evaluate a
Issues of right and wrong, good and bad	about how beliefs impact on how people behave.	belief stories, make connections between peoples' beliefs about right and wrong and their actions.	define 'right', 'wrong', 'good' and 'bad'. Recognise some of the similarities and	of answers to ethical and moral questions, showing awareness of the diversity of opinion and why there are differences.	and moral questions and issues, drawing conclusions and showing awareness of diversity of opinion and why there are differences.	range of different answers to ethical and moral questions/issues, showing an understanding of the connections between beliefs, practices and behaviour.

Human/Social Sciences

- A. There are three strands for human/social sciences:
- B. The diverse nature of religion
- C. Diverse ways in which people practice and express beliefs
 D. The ways in which beliefs shape individual identity, and impact on communities and society and vice versa



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C. The ways in which beliefs shape individual identity, and impact on communities and society and vice versa	beliefs can have an impact on a believer's daily life, their family or local	Identify ways in which beliefs can have an impact on a believer's daily life, their family or local community.	ways in which beliefs can have an impact on a believer's daily life, their family, community and society.	which beliefs can impact on and influence individual lives, communities and society and show awareness of how individuals,	impact on and influence individual lives, communities and society, and how individuals, communities and society can also shape beliefs.	Begin to analyse and evaluate how beliefs impact on, influence and change individual lives, communities and society, and how individuals, communities and society can also shape beliefs.

Buddhism

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
	Introduce:	Develop understanding of:
Theology: Asking questions	Varying beliefs about God. Concepts: TheBuddhaandTriple Refuge The Jakata tales andTipitaka	Concepts: the Buddha, Four Noble truths, the cycle of birth, death and rebirth, and the Five Precepts.
theologians ask		The varying beliefs about God.
		The Jakata tales, Tipitaka and Metta Sutta. Key writings of Buddhist teachers.
		How Buddha's experience impacted on beliefs.
Philosophy: Asking	Key philosophical vocabulary Ways of reasoning	The different views about the nature of knowledge, meaning and existence.
questions philosophers ask	Make links between belief and behaviour	Links between suffering and the Four Noble Truths.
		Buddhist perspectives on moral issues and consideration of the consequences of action in relation to karma.
Human/Social Sciences: Asking	Keyvocabulary associated with the study of Buddhism.	Key vocabulary and global diversity associated with the study of Buddhism.
questions human and social scientists ask	Monasteries, temples, festivals, ceremonies, devotion and symbolism as expressions of Buddhism.	Meditation and study, festivals and pilgrimage and symbolism.
	Theimportance of nothurting living things and Buddhist stories on daily life.	Varying practice, and the importance of looking after the environment.

Christianity

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
	Introduce:	Develop understanding of:
Theology: Asking	Concepts: Creation, God, incarnation, and salvation.	Concepts:CreationandFall,God(Trinity), Incarnation, and Salvation.
questions theologians ask	The life and teachings of Jesus.	The life and teachings of Jesus. Sources of authority such as the Bible, creeds, tradition and different genres and interpretations.
	The Bible as a sacred text for Christians and its different genres.	KeyteachingsfromimportantChristian thinkers.
		How events in society have influenced Christian beliefs.
Philosophy: Asking questions philosophers ask	Key philosophical vocabulary. Ways of reasoning. Make links between belief and behaviour.	The different views about the nature of knowledge, meaning and existence. The work of one key Christian philosopher Ethical theory, including
		the importance of love and forgiveness within Christian tradition. Christian perspectives on moral issues.
Human/Social Sciences: Asking	Keyvocabulary associated with the study of Christianity.	Key vocabulary and global diversity associated with the study of Christianity.
questions human and social scientists ask	The local church(es), symbolism and artefacts as expressions of Christianity.	The church, worship and festivals.
Solement usk	Theimportance of rites of passage, worship gathering and celebrations.	The impact of Christian teachings on daily life, the varying expressions of prayer, cultural expressions of the Christian faith and the role of the Christian community in charity work.

Hinduism

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
	Introduce:	Develop understanding of:
Theology: Asking	Concepts: Brahman and Avatars.	Concepts: Brahman, Ataman, Avatars, Ahimsa, Samsara and Karma.
questions theologians ask	HinduHolyBooksincludingtheRamayana.	The oral tradition and the Vedas, different genre and interpretations.
theologians ask		Examples of teachings of Hindu teachers.
		Examples of events and experiences which have impacted on Hindu beliefs.
Philosophy:	Key philosophical vocabulary. Ways of reasoning.	The different views about the nature of knowledge, meaning and existence.
Asking questions philosophers ask	Make links between belief and behaviour.	Introducing ethical theory.
		Introduce moral issues and consider the consequences of action in relation to karma.
		Moral and values expressed in Hindu stories.
Human/Social Sciences: Asking	Keyvocabulary associated with the study of Hinduism.	Key vocabulary and global diversity associated with the study of Hinduism.
questions human	Dharma, symbolism and the centrality of the home in the Hindu	Tilliadistii.
and social scientists ask	tradition.	Sanatan Dharma, the diversity of practice and expression and festivals.
	Importance of gatherings for worship, dramatic storytelling and celebrations.	The impact of ahimsa, dharma and karma on daily life and beyond.

Humanism

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
	Introduce:	Develop understanding of:
Theology: Asking questions theologians ask	Concepts: Atheism, One Life, Golden Rule, humanity. Quotations from Humanist thinkers.	Concepts: Atheism, agnosticism, rationalism, One Life, and Happiness. Examples of writings of Humanist thinkers. Diversity of Humanist thought. Importance of evidence. Absence of sacred texts and divine rules.
Philosophy: Asking questions philosophers ask	Key philosophical vocabulary. Ways of reasoning. Make links between belief and behaviour.	The different views about the nature of knowledge, meaning and existence. Introducing ethical theory such as utilitarianism. Examples of the writing of a Humanist philosopher. Importance of evidence and reasoning in Humanist thought.
Human/Social Sciences: Asking questions human and social scientists ask	Key vocabulary associated with the study of Humanism. The role of ceremonies and cultural traditions. The Happy Human symbol. Impact of thinking about consequences of action.	Key vocabulary relating to the study of Humanism as a philosophy or life stance. Diverse practice in relation to ceremonies and cultural festivals. The importance of the natural world and caring for the environment. The importance of the arts and sciences. The importance of love and relationships.

Islam

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
	Introduce:	Develop understanding of:
Theology: Asking questions	The concept of One God.	Concepts: Tawhid, Creation, Prophethood, Revelation, Khalifah and Akirah.
theologians ask	The life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.	The life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad and the Six Articles of Sunni Belief.
	The Qur'an as a revealed scripture.	
		The Qur'an and Hadith as sources of authority, different genres and the value of recitation.
		Key teachings from important Muslim teachers.
		The impact of the spread of Islam.
		How experiences have impacted on belief.
Philosophy: Asking questions philosophers ask	Key philosophical vocabulary. Ways of reasoning. Make links between belief and behaviour.	The different views about the nature of knowledge, meaning and existence. Introducing ethical theory.
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Human/Social	Key vocabulary associated with the study of Islam.	Key vocabulary and global diversity associated with the study of Islam.
Sciences: Asking		
questions human and social	The masjid (mosque), the Five Pillars of Islam, symbolism and artefacts.	The masjid, the Five Pillars of Islam and the three main Muslims traditions (Sunni, Shia, Sufi).
scientists ask	The role of festivals, ceremonies and Madrassah in the Muslim tradition.	
		Diversity of expression, customs and practices within Islam and their impact on daily life.
		The importance of Ramadan, the two Eid festivals and Jummah prayers.

Judaism

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
	Introduce:	Develop understanding of:
Theology: Asking questions	The concept of One God	Concepts: One God, The Covenant, Mitzvot, Atonement.
theologians ask	The Torah as the five books of Moses, written in Hebrew.	The Torah and Talmud as sources of authority. The Hebrew Bible, TeNaCh (Torah, Nevi'im, Ketuvim).
	The different genre contained within the first five books.	Importance of the Shema.
	Narratives about the lives of Jewish descendants.	Narratives associated with the development of the Jewish tradition.
		Importance of reading the Torah out loud. Key teachings from important Jewish teachers Historical impact Jewish beliefs/culture.
Philosophy: Asking questions	Key philosophical vocabulary Ways of reasoning	The different views about the nature of knowledge, meaning and existence.
philosophers ask	Make links between belief and behaviour	
		Introducing ethical theory
		Jewish perspectives on moral issuesincluding theimpactofthe613mitzvot, especiallythe 10 commandments.
		The importance of loving one's neighbour.
		Gemillut Chasadim, Tzedakah,

Human/Social	Key vocabulary associated with the study of Judaism.	Key vocabulary and global diversity associated with the study of Judaism.
Sciences: Asking		Importance of festivals for the Jewish community such as Yom Kippur.
questions human	Shabbat and the importance of the home and family life	
and social		Symbolism and artefacts used by some Jewish people at festivals and in
scientists ask	The role of festivals which connect with Jewish history.	rituals.
	The synagogue and varying ceremonies that take place within it.	The importance and role of Shabbat and reading of the Torah
		The role of Synagogue and Cheder in the Jewish community.
		The rules of Kashrut
		The importance of Jerusalem and the Western Wall for many Jewish people.

Sikhism

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Introduce:	Develop understanding of:
The concepts of One God and equality.	Concepts: Ik Onkar, Equality, hukam and Samsara.
The life and teachings of Guru Nanak.	The life and teachings of the 10 Gurus The Guru Granth Sahib,
The Guru Granth Sahib as a living Guru. The Mool Mantra.	including its compilation and diversity of contents.
	Stories from the life of Guru Nanak (janamaskhis)
	Impact of martyrdom on Sikh teachings.
Key philosophical vocabulary. Ways of reasoning.	The different views about the nature of knowledge, meaning and
	existence.
Make links between belief and behaviour.	
	Introducing ethical theory.
	Sikh perspectives on moral issues, including impact of 'hukam' and emphasis on equality.
	Introduce: The concepts of One God and equality. The life and teachings of Guru Nanak. The Guru Granth Sahib as a living Guru. The Mool Mantra. Key philosophical vocabulary. Ways of reasoning.

Human/Social	Keyvocabularyassociated with the study of Sikhism.	Key vocabulary and global diversity associated with the study of Sikhism,
Sciences: Asking questions human	The gurdwara, langar and 5Ks.	including term Sikhi.
and social scientists ask	Theroleoffestivals and ceremonies such as Baisakhi and Amrit.	The diversity of practice including the Gurdwara, festivals and ceremonies such as Amrit.
		Symbolism including varying practice of wearing the 5Ks.
		Importance of values in the Sikhtra dition.
		Globalimportance of Amrtisarand the Golden Temple.