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Curriculum Skills and Progression Religious Education





The Nebula Federation

Primary School



We understand RE as a multi- disciplinary subject:

In our curriculum RE is rooted in three disciplines. These are theology, philosophy and the human/social sciences, the latter of which is a collection of disciplines. Our progression map shows how skills within each of these disciplines are developed across the key stages.

RE in EYFS will prepare children for the multi-disciplinary approach.

Pupils being to explore the world of religion and belief in terms of special people, times, places and objects, as well as visiting places of worship. Pupils listen to, and talk about, religious stories which may raise puzzling and interesting. They are introduced to specialist words and use their senses in exploring religious beliefs, practices and forms of expression.

Christianity and at least one other religion, religious belief or worldview

Theology: Thinking through believing	Philosophy: Thinking through thinking	Human/Social Sciences: Thinking through living
Pupils can	Pupils can	Pupils can
 Recognise simple religious beliefs or teachings Talk about some aspects of a religious or belief story Introduce key theological vocabulary such as 'God'. Recreate religious and belief stories through small world play. 	 Raise puzzling and interesting questions about religious and belief stories Raise puzzling and interesting questions about the world around them Talk about what concerns them about different ways in which people behave Say what matters to them or is of value Use their senses to investigate religion and belief 	 Identify simple features of religious life and practice in a family context Recognise a number of religious words Name some religious symbols Name some religious artefacts Talk about religious events that they see or hear about e.g. festivals, ceremonies Talk about what people wear because of their beliefs Visit a local place of worship Talk to someone who holds a particular religious belief



	Religious Education – Theology – Pupils can							
Theology	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
A. Where beliefs come from	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 authority¹ 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 What did Jews learn about the covenant from the story of Moses? What can we learn about Jesus from the things he said and did?	Identify different sources of authority and how they link with beliefs. Give examples of different writings and different ways in believers interpret sources of authority What does eternal mean to Christians? (story of the resurrection) How have events in history shaped beliefs?	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. What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Inquiry Exploring the text of the 5 Pillars of Islam. Where does its authority come from?	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. Are the 10 commandments still relevant today? How reliable are sources of authority for believers?		
В.	N/A	N/A	Recognise that beliefs are influenced by events in the past and present	Identify events in history and society which have influenced some	Describe how events in history and society have influenced some	Explain how events in history and society have influenced some		

¹ Sources of authority include sacred texts, creeds, statements of belief, tradition, principles or rules, conscience, rational thinking.



How beliefs change over time			What can we learn about Jesus from the people involved in the Nativity story (How the celebration of Christmas has changed over time)?	religious and non-religious worldviews Why Muslims go on pilgrimage? How has the practice changed over time? What expectation are placed on Muslims to observe a pilgrimage in their lifetime?	religious and non- religious worldviews How has the Christian community changed over time? (persecution)	religious and non-religious worldviews Has Christmas lost its real meaning?
C. How beliefs relate to each other	Recognise that narratives, stories and texts used by at least one religion or worldview contain beliefs.	Recognise that some beliefs connect together and begin to talk about these connections.	Identify some links between beliefs being studied within a religion or worldview. Show awareness of some of the similarities and differences between and within religions and worldviews.	Make clear links between different beliefs being studied within a religion or worldview. Identify some of the similarities and differences between and within religions and worldviews	Describe the 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	Explain connections different beliefs being studied and link them to sources of authority using theological terms Explain the key theological similarities and differences between and within religions and worldviews
			What does the story of Rama & Sita tell us about Hindu belief in God? Compared to the stories of Jesus in the Bible.	Why Muslims go on pilgrimage? What does it mean to be a pilgrim? (Christianity) Comparing the importance and meaning	How do Hindu beliefs impact their actions? Compared to	Are the 10 commandments still relevant today?



				of pilgrimage between Muslims and Christians.	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Inquiry	
D. How beliefs shape the way believers see the world	Give an example of how2use beliefs to guide their daily lives	Give different examples of how beliefs influence daily life	Recognise ways in which beliefs might make a think about how they live their life, how they see the world in which they live and how they view others	Identify ways in which beliefs might make a think about how they live their life, how they see the world in which they live and how they view others	Describe ways in which beliefs shape the way view the world in which they live and how they view others	Explain and discuss how beliefs shape the way view the world in which they live and how they view others
and each other			What can we learn about Jesus from the things he said and did? Inquiry How to lead a 'Christian' life.	Why do people choose to make a new start? Discussing conversion to Christianity and baptism.	How do Hindu beliefs impact their actions?	If everyone followed the 'middle way' would there be a perfect world?

KS1 Core Questions

What do religious people say God is like?

- Why is light an important symbol for many religious helievers?
- What do XXXX remember at XXXX? E.g. what do Jews remember at Passover?
- What might XXXX learn from the XXXX narrative? E.g. what might Hindus learn from the Diwali narrative?
- What might xxxx learn from the story of xxxxx? E.g. what might Jews learn about God from the story of Abraham?
- What do Christians believe God is like?

What do XXXX believe about God?

- How do XXX explain the suffering in the world?
- What is the bible and how do people interpret it?
- How reliable are sources of authority for believers?
- Why is there so much diversity of belief within XXXX?
- Where do religious beliefs come from?
- How have events in history shaped beliefs?
- One narrative, many beliefs? Why do people interpret things differently?

KS2 Core Questions

- What do Christians learn from the creation story?
- What is the Trinity?

² Where ______ is indicated, the teacher is invited to insert the adherent of a religion or worldview they are studying e.g. Muslims.



- Who made the world?
- Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
- Why does Easter matter to Christians?

- Why to Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?
- What does it mean if God is holy and loving?
- Creation and science: Conflicting or complementary?
- Was Jesus the Messiah?
- What did Jesus do to save human beings?
- What differences doe the resurrection make for Christians?

	Curriculum Skills and Progression Map							
	Religious Education – Philosophy – Pupils can							
Philosophy	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
A. The Nature of knowledge, 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. What can we learn about Jesus the saviour from the Easter stories? What happens when we die? Is there an afterlife?	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. If life is a journey, does it ever end? Hinduism How do people make moral decisions? Hinduism	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. How do Christians bring hope at Christmas? How do Hindu beliefs impact on their actions?	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. Who or what is God? Why is there suffering? Buddhism		



B. How and whether	Give a simple reason using the word 'because' when talking	Give a reason to say why someone might hold a particular belief	Decide if a reason or argument based on a religion or belief makes sense to them and is	Begin to weigh up whether different reasons and arguments are expressed coherently	Explain, using a range of reasons, whether a position or argument is coherent and logical.	Begin to analyse and evaluate whether a position or argument is coherent and logical and
things make sense	about religion and belief	using the word 'because'	expressed clearly. Use more than one reason to support their	when studying religion and belief Give reasons for more	Link a range of different pieces of evidence together to form a	show increasing awareness of divergence of opinion.
			view.	than one point of view, providing pieces of evidence to support	coherent argument	Use well-chosen pieces of evidence to support and counter a particular
			What can we learn about Jesus from the things he said and did?	these views	What does is mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Inquiry	argument
			Discussing the nature of the miracles Jesus performed. Can they	What does 'eternal life' mean to Christians? (resurrection, hope, heaven) Christianity	Exploring the Five Pillars.	Are the 10 commandments still relevant today?
			be explained?		What is the purpose of life? Islam	Is is possible for things to always be right or wrong? Christianity
			Is seeing believing? Christianity	Do the stories of heaven make sense? Can we ever know?		
C. Issues of right and wrong, good and bad	Using religious and belief stories to talk about how beliefs impact on how people behave	Using religious and belief stories, make connections between peoples' beliefs about right and wrong and	Recognise that it is difficult to define 'right', 'wrong', 'good' and 'bad'. Recognise some of the similarities and	Describe a range of answers to ethical and moral questions, showing awareness of the diversity of opinion and why there are	Explain a range of answers to ethical and moral questions and issues, drawing conclusions and showing awareness of diversity of	Begin to analyse and evaluate a range of different answers to ethical and moral questions/issues, showing an
		their actions.	differences between these ideas.	differences.	opinion and why there are differences.	understanding of the connections between



What can we learn about Jesus the saviour from the Easter stories? Was Judas bad? Can we blame the Romans for Jesus' death? Should God have	Why do people choose to make a new start? Does Christianity offer a framework for living a 'good life'?	How do Hindu beliefs impact their actions? What does is mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Inquiry	beliefs, practices and behaviour. If everyone followed the 'middle way' would there be a perfect world?
helped Jesus on the cross?			Are angels real? Christianity

KS1 Core Questions

- Why do people have different views about the idea of 'God'?
- What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief?
- What is puzzling about the world of religion and belief?
- What is 'good' and what is 'bad'?
- How do people decide what is right and wrong?
- What questions do religious stories make us ask?
 Can we find any answers?
- What's the big idea? (introduction to philosophy/Socratic dialogue)

KS2 Core Questions

- Why is there suffering in the world?
- What is the difference between believing and knowing?
- What do we mean by 'truth'?
- What can we learn about the world/knowledge/meaning of life from the great philosophers?
- How do people make moral decisions?
- How do people respond to issues of poverty and justice?
- What does it mean to be 'human'?
- What kind of world should we live in?
- Is seeing believing?
- Can kindness change the world?
- Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?
- Is believing in God reasonable?



	Curriculum Skills and Progression Map							
	Religious Education – Philosophy – Pupils can							
Human/Social Sciences	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
A. The diverse nature of religion	Recognise that people have different beliefs and that some people follow religions and others non- religious worldviews	Recognise the names of different religions, religious beliefs and worldviews and use them correctly.	Identify some of the ways people use the terms 'religion' and 'belief' when exploring religions, beliefs and worldviews. What can we learn about Jesus the saviour from the Easter stories? How do Christians get their beliefs from the Easter story? Is it proof of God?	Describe the difference between the terms 'religion' and 'belief' when exploring religions, beliefs and worldviews. If life is a journey, does it ever end? Discussing the nature of belief in eternal life. How do religious groups contribute to society and culture in their local area? Christianity	Explain the different ways in which the terms 'religion' and "belief' are used by followers from within a religion or worldview and those from outside it. Show awareness that talking about religion and belief can be complex. How do Hindu beliefs impact their actions? How do beliefs shape identity for Muslims? Islam	Begin to analyse and evaluate the varying use of the terms 'religion' and 'belief' by followers from within a religion or worldview and those from outside it. Recognise some areas of controversy when interpreting and explaining the nature of religion and belief. Who or what is God? Does religion bring peace, conflict or both? Buddhism		
B. Diverse ways in which people	Recognise some of the symbols, artefacts and	Identify evidence of religion and belief	Identify some similarities and differences in how people practise and	Describe some of the varying ways in which religions and beliefs are practised locally and	Explain some of the varying ways in which religions and beliefs are practised locally and	Begin to analyse and evaluate the varying ways in which religions and beliefs are practised		



practice and express beliefs	practices used by people of different religions and beliefs in the local area	especially in the local area.	express beliefs both within and between at least two different religions/worldviews. Comparing the festivals of Diwali, Passover and Christmas. How does a belief in Jesus' miracles shape Christian's behaviour? Christianity	nationally (both within and between religions/worldviews) with reference to at least two religions/worldviews. Why Muslims go on pilgrimage? What does it mean to be a pilgrim? (Christianity) Comparing the importance and meaning of pilgrimage between Muslims and Christians.	nationally (both within and between religions/worldviews) with reference to at least two different religions/worldviews. What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Inquiry How have expressions of Christianity changed over time? Christianity	locally, nationally and globally (both within and between religions/worldviews) with reference to at least two different religions/worldviews. Has the Christmas lost its meaning? How have religious groups contributed to society across the world? Christianity
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C.	Recognise	Identify ways in	Identify a range of	Describe ways in which	Explain how beliefs	Begin to analyse and
	that beliefs	which beliefs can	ways in which beliefs	beliefs can impact on	impact on and influence	evaluate how beliefs
The ways in	can have an	have an impact on	can have an impact on	and influence individual	individual lives,	impact on, influence and
which beliefs	impact on a	a believer's daily	a believer's daily life,	lives, communities and	communities and society,	change individual lives,
shape individual	believer's	life, their family or	their family,	society and show	and how individuals,	communities and society,
identity, and	daily life,	local community.	community and	awareness of how	communities and society	and how individuals,
impact on communities and	their family		society.	individuals,	can also shape beliefs.	communities and society
society and vice	or local			communities and		can also shape beliefs.
versa	community.			society can also shape		If overvene followed the
			How Hindus prepare	beliefs.	How has the Christian	If everyone followed the 'middle way' would there
			for and celebrate the		community changed over	be a perfect world?
			Festival of Lights.		time?	be a perfect world:
				Why is advent important		
				for Christians?		A 4b - 40
			How do Christians	Heatha magning of	What does it mean to be	Are the 10
			display the belief in	Has the meaning of Christmas been lost?	a Muslim in Britain	commandments still
			Modern Britain?	Christmas been lost?	today? Inquiry	relevant today?
			Christianity			How have religious
						groups contributed to
						society across the world?
						Christianity



KS1 Core Questions

- How do festivals/celebrations bring people together?
- Where is the religion around us?
- What does it mean to belong to the XXXX community?
- What happens in the daily life of a XXXX?
- What does it mean to be part of a religious family?
- Why are symbols and artefacts important to some people?
- How do worship gatherings/ceremonies give xxxx a sense of identity and belonging?

KS2 Core Questions

- What do we mean by religion? What makes a religion a religion?
- Does religion bring peace, conflict or both?
- How do beliefs shape identity for XXXX?
- What can we learn from different members/expressions of the XXXX tradition?
- How have expressions of XXXX changed over time?
- How do XXXX express their religious beliefs in modern Britain and in XXXX (name of country)?
- What does it mean to be part of a global religious/worldview community?
- How do people express commitment to a religion or worldview in different ways?
- What difference does being a XXXX make to daily life?
- How do/have religious groups contribute to society and culture?

• The suggested core questions take into account *Understanding Christianity* (RE Today 2016) units on God, creation, incarnation and salvation which are already being used in a number of schools and academies in the county. These are shown in purple.



Appendix

Suggested Core Knowledge for Christianity

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Disciplinary Lens	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2				
Theology:	Systematic Theology:	Systematic Theology:				
Thinking through believing.	Creation: Christian belief in God as creator of the universe.	Creation and Fall: Christian belief that humans are made in God's image but became sinful and need saving. Introducing debates about the relationship between				
Theology enables pupils to grapple with questions that have been raised	God: Christian belief in God as a Father.	the Genesis narratives and scientific explanations.				
by religions and beliefs over the centuries. It looks at where beliefs come from,	Jesus: Awareness of Jesus as a historical figure and of some of his teachings and miracles.	God: Christian belief in one God, who is described as Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). Sources of authority which explain to Christians the nature of God e.g. bible, experience, creeds.				
how they have changed over time, how they are applied differently in	Incarnation: The Nativity narratives in Luke and Matthew. The Christian belief	Jesus : As God incarnate, also known as the Son of God. Christian belief that Jesus fulfilled prophecies about the Messiah.				
different contexts and how they relate to each other. It involves	that God became human in Jesus.	Incarnation: Jesus as one of the three persons of the Trinity.				
investigating key texts and traditions within different religions and belief systems, exploring the ways in which they have been used as authoritative for believers and the ways in which they have been challenged,	Salvation: The Easter narrative and Christian belief that Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans. Recognition of how incarnation and salvation relate	Salvation: Gospel accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection and the various interpretations of these accounts in terms of the meaning of salvation (e.g. forgiveness, sacrifice, redemption) Textual Theology: Consideration of gones, author, context, reliability and audience in relation				
interpreted and disregarded over	Textual Theology:	Consideration of genre, author, context, reliability and audience in relation to the Bible, creeds and Christian tradition.				
time. It assesses the key ideas of a religion or belief system as well as exploring the significance of experience on the claims made by religious and non-religious people.	The Bible as a sacred text for Christians. Recognition of different genre in the	Different interpretations of belief through for example art, music, blogs. Historical Theology :				
	bible e.g. parables, letters, history	Examples of key teachings from religious teachers such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero Examples of how experiences have impacted on beliefs e.g the conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus.				
		Examples of how events in society have influenced beliefs e.g. the persecution of Christians, the abolition movement.				



Philosophy:

Thinking through thinking.

Philosophy enables pupils to grapple with questions that have been raised about knowledge, meaning, existence and morality.

It is about finding out how and whether things make sense. It deals with questions of morality and ethics. It takes seriously questions about reality, knowledge and existence. It is the process of reasoning that lies at the heart of philosophy. Studying the works of great philosophers is part of developing an understanding of philosophy. Philosophy contains three fields of enquiry that would be applicable to a balanced framework for RE these are metaphysics, logic and moral philosophy

Metaphysics:

The word 'God' as a name.
The nature of a question
The meaning of the word 'know'.
Awareness of the world around them
through the senses

Logic:

The nature of a reason
Use of the word 'because'
Recognise a reason in a religious or belief
text

Moral Philosophy:

Make links between belief and behaviour, particularly through the study of religious and belief narratives.

How people make decisions e.g. impact of family and rules.

Metaphysics:

Varying views about the existence of God

Varying views about the reasons for suffering in the world, including awareness of different types of suffering

Difference between knowledge, belief and opinion.

The complex nature of concepts such as truth, reality, happiness, identity, hope, justice.

The work of one or two key philosophers such as $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots \right\}$

Socrates, Plato or Aristotle.

An example of a philosopher from the Christian tradition e.g.

Augustine

Logic:

The nature of a philosophical question
Debates about whether some things can be proven
The nature of a coherent and reasoned argument
Awareness of divergence of opinion
Creation of balanced arguments

Moral Philosophy:

Influences on moral decision making such as experience, family, history, culture or community (including religious communities). Introduction to ethical theory such as utilitarianism or hedonism. Making connections with theological understandings of right and wrong.

Investigation of moral issues such as poverty and wealth, peace and conflict or justice and injustice.



Human /Social Sciences:

Thinking through living.

The human/social sciences enable pupils to grapple with questions about the lived and diversity reality of religion and belief in the world.

It explores the diverse ways in which people practise their beliefs. It engages with the impact of beliefs on individuals, communities and societies. Pupils will investigate the ways in which religions, beliefs and religious believers have shaped and continue to shape societies around the world. They can promote better understanding of the ways in which religions and beliefs influence people's understanding of power, gender, compassion, and so on. It also enables pupils to consider the nature of religion itself and the diverse ways in which people understand the term 'religion'.

Nature of Religion:

The use of the term 'Christian' and what it means

The terms 'religion' and 'worldview'

The idea that some people follow a set of beliefs, creed or way of life.

Practices and Expression:

The local church (eg): how they are used, worship that takes place. Norwich Anglican and Roman Catholic Cathedrals as a places of importance for many Christians.

Symbolism and artefacts: The cross as a symbol. Artefacts used by Christians such the rosary, paschal candle, chalice and paten.

Use of water and light in ceremonies such as baptism and Christingle.

Individual, community and Society:

The importance of rites of passage such as baptism or First communion for some Christians.

The importance of worship gatherings for Christians e.g. sharing bread and wine, keeping Sunday as a special day

The role of celebrations such as Christmas and Easter in bringing the religious community together.

Nature of Religion:

Different ways in which people understand the term 'religion' both within and outside of religious adherence.

The use of term 'religion' by Christians, and awareness that some prefer not to use this term.

Christianity originally known as 'The Way' in New Testament times.

Awareness of the diverse nature of Christianity locally, nationally and globally.

Practices and Expression:

The church: Church as a global community of Christian believers, the main characteristics of different denominations. Awareness of different denominations locally e.g. Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Free Church, Salvation Army...

Worship: Different expressions of Christian worship including for example the Eucharist and pilgrimage.

Festivals: The diverse ways in which people celebrate festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost; in particular contrasting two different contexts such as local/global or rural/urban.

Individuals: Meeting individual Christians to ask them about their beliefs and practices.

Individual, community and society:

The impact of Christian teachings on daily life such as providing guidance, reassurance or comfort.

The importance of rites of passage in terms of religious identity e.g. baptism, confirmation



The life and work of a Christian individual whose faith impacts (or impacted) on their actions e.g. Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa, Desmond Tutu, Wilberforce, Cavell, Oscar Romero, Toyohiko Kagawa

Varying expressions of prayer including for example the 'Thy Kingdom Come', Taize, 24/7 prayer or Prayer Spaces.

Varying cultural expressions of the Christian faith as seen through art and/or music.

The role of the Christian community in charity work such as Foodbanks or Christian Aid.



Suggested Core Knowledge for Hinduism

Disciplinary Lens	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Theology:	Systematic Theology:	Systematic Theology:
Thinking through believing. Theology enables pupils to	God: Hindu beliefs in one God, usually referred to as spirit	God: Brahman as Supreme Reality who pervades all creation through stories from the Upanishands. Awareness of the Trimurti- Brahma, Shiva, Vishnu.
grapple with questions that have been raised by religions and beliefs over the centuries.	(Brahman) represented through different names and	Atman: The name used for the essential nature of humans or their soul Avatars: The belief that Vishnu takes form and comes to earth. The word literally meaning 'descent'. The 10 avatars including Lord Krishna and Lord Rama, and the beliefs and values arising from narratives about them.
It looks at where beliefs come from, how they have changed over time, how they are applied	images. Avatars: Name	Ahimsa: Non-violence springs naturally from the Hindu belief of unity in diversity.
differently in different contexts and how they relate to each	avatars such as Rama, Krishna and Ganesha and talk	Samsara: The cycle of birth and rebirth which ends when a personal discovers his or her essential spirit, called Moksha. Hindus believe that consciousness is present in all life forms.
other. It involves investigating key texts and traditions within different religions and belief	about stories associated with them	Karma: The law of karma is linked to the theory of reincarnation. It states that there are consequences for actions beyond this life. The law of cause and effect. Textual Theology:
systems, exploring the ways in which they have been used as authoritative for believers and	and the beliefs and values arising from them.	The oral tradition in the Indus valley and the writing down of teaching in the Vedas which contains hymns and prayers.
the ways in which they have been challenged, interpreted and disregarded over time. It	Textual Theology: Hindu holy books are	Consideration of genre, author, context, reliability and audience in relation to the Vedas, Ramayana, Mahabharata Upanishads, and Puranas.
assesses the key ideas of a religion or belief system as well	written in Sanskrit and come in the form	Different interpretations of belief through for example through worship, dance and storytelling. Interpretation of prayers such as the Gayatri Mantra.
as exploring the significance of experience on the claims made by religious and non-religious people.	of laws, hymns and poetry	Historical Theology: Examples of key teachings from religious teachers such as Candhi, Swaminarayan, Sai Baha, Srila
	The Ramayana as a sacred poem about Rama and Sita.	Examples of key teachings from religious teachers such as Gandhi, Swaminarayan, Sai Baba, Srila Prabhupada, Sri Ramakrishna Examples of how experiences have impacted on beliefs e.g the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Impact of the spread of the Hindu tradition to the West on how beliefs are understood.



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The word 'God' as a name.

The nature of a question

The meaning of the word 'know'.

Awareness of the world around them through the senses

Logic:

The nature of a reason

Use of the word 'because'

Recognise a reason in a religious or belief text

Moral Philosophy:

Make links between belief and behaviour, particularly through the study of religious and belief narratives.

How people make decisions e.g. impact of family and rules.

Metaphysics:

Varying views about the existence of God

Elementary study of the philosophy of religion

Varying views about the reasons for suffering in the world, including awareness of different types of suffering

Difference between knowledge, belief and opinion.

The complex nature of concepts such as truth, reality, happiness, identity, hope, justice.

The work of one or two key philosophers such as

Socrates, Plato or Aristotle.

An example of a philosopher from the Hindu tradition e.g. XXX

Logic:

The nature of a philosophical question

Debates about whether some things can be proven The nature of a coherent and reasoned argument

Awareness of divergence of opinion Creation of balanced arguments

Moral Philosophy:

Influences on moral decision making such as experience, family, history, culture or community (including religious communities).

Introduction to ethical theory such as utilitarianism or hedonism.

Making connections with theological understandings of right and wrong.

Investigation of moral issues such as poverty and wealth, peace and conflict or justice and injustice.

Morals and value expressed in some Hindu stories, for example, from the Panchtantra.

How Hindu beliefs about respect for all life impact on their actions.



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Nature of Religion:

The use of the term 'Hindu' and what it means.

The meaning of the word 'dharma' as a way of life.

The terms 'religion' and 'worldview'

The Hindu tradition began in the Indian region but has spread across the world.

Practices and Expression:

Dharma as living the life of a Hindu e.g. worshipping, carrying out rituals

Centrality of the home: A special room set aside for worship. Use of murtis as a reminder of God's presence. Puja in the home.

Importance of family life including the naming ceremony for a baby and festival of Raksha Bandhan.

Symbolism: The aum as a symbol and its use in puja and the naming ceremony,

The lotus flower as a symbol of purity.

The role of light in Diwali celebrations.

Individual, community and Society:

The Hindu greeting 'Namaste' and its meaning showing that people are really part of God.

The importance of gathering for worship in a mandir (temple) to share in arti and receive prashad.

The role of dramatic storytelling and dance in sharing the Hindu tradition with the next generation.

The role of celebrations such as Diwali and Holi in bringing the religious community together.

Nature of Religion:

Different ways in which people understand the term 'religion' both within and outside of religious adherence.

The use of term 'religion' by Hindus, and awareness that some prefer to use the term 'Sanatan Dharma'.

Awareness of the diverse nature of Hinduism locally, nationally and globally.

Practices and Expression:

Sanatan Dharma as the way of life for Hindus. The four ways in which it is manifested through karma (work), bhakti (worship), yoga (control of the mind) and jnana (knowledge)

Community: The Hindu tradition as a global community which embraces pluralism. Awareness of different movements within the Hindu tradition in the United Kingdom such as Vaishnavites and Shaivites.

Worship: The diversity of expression through devotion to deities. Differences between puja in the home and at the mandir. Use of symbols and symbolic actions in worship. Importance of pilgrimage in India for example Varanasi, Ayodhya, The Ganges,

Festivals: The diverse ways in which Hindus celebrate festivals such as Diwali, Kum Mela, Ganesh Chaturthi or Navaratri. In particular contrasting two different contexts such as the UK and India.

Individuals: Meeting individual Hindus to ask them about their beliefs and practices.

Individual, community and society:

The use of tilaks as a mark of belonging

The impact of following dharma and the theory of karma on daily life.

The impact of ahimsa on daily life including many Hindus being vegetarian.

people understand the term 'religion'.



The expression of belief through the architecture and features of the mandir.

The life and work of a Hindu whose faith impacts (or impacted on) their actions e.g. Mahatma Gandhi, Sannyasins,

The importance of rites of passage, the four stages of life (ashramas) in terms of religious identity and fulfilling dharma.

Varying cultural expressions of the Hindu faith as seen through the creative arts, particularly dance and performance.

The role of the Hindu community in charity work as an expression of dharma. E.g. Sewa UK, Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushtottam Swaminarayan Sanstha



Suggested Core Knowledge for Islam

Disciplinary Lens	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Theology:	Systematic Theology:	Systematic Theology:
Thinking through believing. Theology enables pupils	God: Belief in one God. Muslims use Arabic word 'Allah' for God. Narratives about the importance of the oneness of God. God as creator.	Tawhid: Shahadah as declaration of faith and as the first of the five pillars. Allah is one (Tawhid) and has no partners or equals. There are 99 names of Allah which describe his qualities and attributes. Allah as creator of the universe.
to grapple with questions that have been raised by religions	Muhammad: Prophet Muhammad as the final messenger. Narrative accounts of Muhammad's life and teachings.	Creation: Allah as creator of the Universe. Surah's which teach about the wonder of creation (Surahs 16, 66-70, 77-83)
and beliefs over the centuries.	The story of the building of the Ka'ba by Ibrahim and re-building by Muhammad.	Prophethood: Allah has sent prophets to give guidance, for example Adam, Ibrahim, Musa, Isa.
It looks at where beliefs come from, how they	Textual Theology:	Muhammad: Muhammad as the seal of the prophets, the final
have changed over time,	The Qur'an is written in Arabic.	messenger. Events in the Life of Muhammad such as the Night of Power and move to Madinah.
how they are applied differently in different	The Qur'an as a revealed scripture to Muhammed.	Revelation: The Qur'an contains the actual words of God. The opening
contexts and how they relate to each other. It	The Hadith as a collection of sayings.	Surah, Al_Fatihah,
involves investigating key texts and traditions		Six Articles of Sunni Belief : Belief in Allah, angels, books, prophets, day of judgement and destiny of good and evil.
within different religions and belief systems, exploring the ways in		Khalifah : Humans as Allah's servants, entrusted by Allah to obey Him and carry out His will on earth and be His representative.
which they have been used as authoritative for		Akhirah: The idea of judgement day and the imagery of paradise as a garden and hell as fire.
believers and the ways in which they have been		Textual Theology:
challenged, interpreted and disregarded over time. It assesses the key ideas of a religion or		Consideration of genre, authority, context, reliability and audience in relation to the Qur'an and Hadith.



belief system as well as exploring the significance of experience on the claims made by religious and non-religious people.

The value and importance of recitation of the Qur'an, and the title of 'hafiz'.

Historical Theology:

Examples of key teachings from religious teachers such as

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Examples of how experiences have impacted on beliefs e.g the impact of idol worship on Muhammad's message

Impact of the spread of Islam as a global faith XXXX

Philosophy:

Thinking through thinking.

Philosophy enables pupils to grapple with questions that have been raised about knowledge, meaning, existence and morality.

It is about finding out how and whether things make sense. It deals with questions of morality and ethics. It takes seriously questions about reality, knowledge and existence. It is the process of reasoning that

Metaphysics:

The word 'God' as a name.

The nature of a question

The meaning of the word 'know'.

Awareness of the world around them through the senses

Logic:

The nature of a reason

Use of the word 'because'

Recognise a reason in a religious or belief text

Moral Philosophy:

Make links between belief and behaviour, particularly through the study of religious and belief narratives.

Metaphysics:

Varying views about the existence of God
Elementary study of the philosophy of religion
Varying views about the reasons for suffering in the world,
including awareness of different types of suffering
Difference between knowledge, belief and opinion.
The complex nature of concepts such as truth, reality,
happiness, identity, hope, justice.
The work of one or two key philosophers such as
Socrates, Plato or Aristotle.
An example of a philosopher from the Muslim tradition e.g. XXX

Logic:

The nature of a philosophical question
Debates about whether some things can be proven
The nature of a coherent and reasoned argument



lies at the heart of philosophy. Studying the works of great philosophers is part of developing an understanding of philosophy. Philosophy contains three fields of enquiry that would be applicable to a balanced framework for RE these are metaphysics, logic and moral philosophy

How people make decisions e.g. impact of family and rules.

Awareness of divergence of opinion Creation of balanced arguments

Moral Philosophy:

Influences on moral decision making such as experience, family, history, culture or community (including religious communities). Introduction to ethical theory such as utilitarianism or hedonism.

Making connections with theological understandings of right and wrong.

Investigation of moral issues such as poverty and wealth, peace and conflict or justice and injustice.

Human /Social Sciences:

Thinking through living.

The human/social sciences enable pupils to grapple with questions about the lived and diversity reality of religion and belief in the world.

It explores the diverse ways in which people practise their beliefs. It engages with the impact of beliefs on individuals, communities and societies. Pupils will investigate the ways in which religions, beliefs and religious believers

Nature of Religion:

The use of the term 'Muslim' and what it means.

The terms 'religion' and 'worldview'

The Muslim tradition began in the Saudi Arabia but has spread across the world.

Practices and Expression:

Masjid or mosque: The variety of types of mosque in the local area, including converted buildings. The mosques and community centres in Norwich as examples of how the Muslim community meets the needs of the local population. Key features of a mosque which express Muslim belief.

The Five Pillars of Islam: In particular salah, and the associated practice of wudu.

Symbolism and artefacts: Use of Tasbih to explore the 99 names of Allah.

Nature of Religion:

Different ways in which people understand the term 'religion' both within and outside of religious adherence.

The meaning of the word 'Islam' as the Arabic word for peace. It also means submission or wholehearted acceptance. Muslims means 'one who submits'.

Awareness of the diverse nature of Islam locally, nationally and globally.

Practices and Expression:

Masjid or mosque: As a place of prayer. Facilities for ritual washing and communal prayer. Variety of styles and architecture reflecting beleifs. Varying use of a minaret for the call to prayer, and alternatives to this.

Diversity: Awareness of the three main Muslims traditions- Sunni, Shia and Sufi. Awareness of diversity of expression, particularly in relation to the pictorial presentations.



have shaped and continue to shape societies around the world. They can promote better understanding of the ways in which religions and beliefs influence people's understanding of power, gender, compassion, and so on. It also enables pupils to consider the nature of religion itself and the diverse ways in which people understand the term 'religion'.

The respect given the Qur'an as a sacred text.

Muslim art such a calligraphy and geometric designs

Varying Muslim cultural dress.

Individual, community and Society:

The role of festivals such as Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha in bringing the muslim community together.

The role of ceremonies, such as Aqiqah in helping children learn about Islam.

The role of the Madrassah in helping young Muslims understand their faith.

The Five Pillars of Islam: The main religious duties of a Muslim. Salah, Sawm, Zakah and Hajj.

Individuals: Meeting individual Muslims to ask them about their beliefs and practices.

Individual, community and society:

The importance of Muslims teachings in relation to general conduct and good manners.

The varying expression of belief through the architecture and features of the mosque.

The role of the imam and mosque in social welfare.

The ways in which Muslim belief impacts of diet and modesty, and variations of practice, including cultural differences.

The custom and practice of Muhammad (Sunnah) and its influence on how Muslims live their lives today.

The life and work of a Muslim whose faith impacts (or impacted on) their actions e.g. ${\sf XXXX}$

The importance of Ramadan and the two Eid festivals in terms of religious identity and Ummah (community of Muslims).

The role of the Muslim community in charity work as an expression of Zakah (almsgiving) e.g. Islamic Relief

The importance of Jummah (Friday) prayers for uniting the Muslim community.



Suggested core knowledge for one non-religious worldview: Humanism³

Disciplinary Lens	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Theology: Thinking through believing.	Atheism: The belief that there is no god. The supernatural does not exist.	Atheism: The absence of belief in a god or gods. The material world as the only one people can know exists.
Theology enables pupils to grapple with questions that	Humanity: The value of human beings and importance of being good to one another. The value of curiosity.	Agnosticism: The absence of belief that people can ever know if there is a god.
have been raised by religions and beliefs over the	One Life: The importance of how you live your life now.	Rationalism: The belief that people should use reason, empathy,
centuries.	Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like to be treated.	compassion and respect when deciding how to behave. Science as the best method to understand the universe.
It looks at where beliefs come from, how they have changed over time, how they are applied differently in	Quotations and writings of Humanists, particularly from the British Humanist Association. E.g. Robert Ingersoll, Karl Popper	One Life: The absence of food or persuasive evidence for an afterlife, thus making the most of the one life now. Humanism as a positive life stance.
different contexts and how they relate to each other. It involves investigating key texts and traditions within		Happiness: The importance of finding one's own way in order that life is meaningful. The importance of making the most of life. Happiness as more than pleasure.
different religions and belief systems, exploring the ways		Examples of writings such as those by Robert Ingersoll, John Stuart Mill,
in which they have been used as authoritative for believers and the ways in		The willingness of humanists to adapt beliefs in light of new evidence e.g. the importance of the theory of evolution for Humanists
which they have been challenged, interpreted and disregarded over time. It		The diversity of humanist thought throughout history and around the world. E.g. the value of the psychological desire for truth (Socarates)
assesses the key ideas of a religion or belief system as well as exploring the significance of experience on the claims made by religious and non-religious people.		The absence of sacred texts and divine rules.

³ Much of the core knowledge for humanism is taken from the following resource: https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/planning-guidelines/



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Moral Philosophy:

Make links between belief and behaviour, particularly through the study of religious and belief narratives. How people make decisions e.g. impact of family and rules.

For Humanists the importance of reason and empathy.

Metaphysics:

Varying views about the existence of God Varying views about the reasons for suffering in the world, including

awareness of different types of suffering

Difference between knowledge, belief and opinion.

The complex nature of concepts such as truth, reality, happiness, identity, hope, justice.

The work of one or two key philosophers such as

Socrates, Plato or Aristotle.

An example of a philosopher from the humanist tradition e.g John

Stuart Mill.

Logic:

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Debates about whether some things can be proven
The nature of a coherent and reasoned argument
Awareness of divergence of opinion
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Moral Philosophy:

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Importance of reason and empathy when making decisions.

Consideration of consequences of action.



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Nature of Religion:

The use of the term 'Humanist' and what it means.

The terms 'non-religious wordview'.

Practices and Expression:

Ceremonies: Naming ceremonies held by some humanists.

Celebrations: Festivals celebrated as cultural traditions such as Christmas.

Symbols: The Happy Human Symbol and its meaning.

Individual, community and Society:

The role of ceremonies, such as naming and weddings to celebrate loving relationships.

The impact of thinking about consequences of action and how others will feel when making decisions.

Nature of Religion:

Different ways in which people understand the term 'religion' both within and outside of religious adherence.

The nature of humanism as a philosophy, life stance of approach to life.

Practices and Expression:

Ceremonies: The diverse ways in which Humanists mark key moments e.g. birth, weddings, funerals

Natural World: The value of the natural world and feats of human creativity as places to enjoy and celebrate.

Individuals: Meeting individual Humanists to ask them about their beliefs and practices. E.g. the local Humanist chaplain at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital

Individual, community and society:

The importance of the arts and sciences in celebrating human achievement.

The importance of love and relationships in giving meaning to life and impacting on decisions that are made.

Importance of cultural celebrations in bringing people together with shared human values.

Impact of humanist beliefs on the way humans treat animal life and the environment.



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Year 3					
Term	AI	A2	Spl	Sp2	Sul
Theme/Big Question	What can we learn about Jesus from the things he said and did? (parable, miracles, teachings)	What can we learn about Jesus from the people involved in the Nativity story?	What did Jews learn about the covenant from the story of Moses? (chosen, covenant, Passover)	What can we learn about Jesus as saviour from the Easter stories? (salvation)	What do Rama/Sita, Krishna tell us about Hindu belief in God?
Religion Theology	Christianity What do Christians believe about Jesus? How do events in the Bible shape beliefs?	Christianity What do Christians learn from the Nativity story?	Judaism Where do religious beliefs come from? What do Jews believe about God?	Christianity How have events in history shaped beliefs?	Hinduism What does the story of Rama & Sita tells us about the nature of God?
Philosophy	Is seeing believing? What kind of world should we live in?	What is the difference between believing and knowing?	Is it possible for something to always be right or wrong? (UKs2)	Can kindness/love change the world?	How do people respond to issues of justice?
Human & Social Science	How does a belief in Jesus' miracles shape Christians behaviour?	How do Christians display their belief in Modern Britain?	How has a belief in the covenant shaped Jewish people's actions?	What does it mean to be a Christian?	How do people express a commitment to a religion in different ways?



Year 4					
Term	AI	A2	Spl	Sp2	Sul
Theme/Big Question	Why do people choose to make a new start? (conversion, baptism, confirmation)	Why is Advent important for Christians?	If life is a journey, does it ever end? (samsara, karma, moksha)	What does 'eternal life' mean to Christians? (resurrection, hope, heaven)	Why do Muslims go on pilgrimage?
Religion	Christianity	Christianity	Hinduism	Christianity	Islam
Theology	Why does a baptism matter to Christians?	Where do religious beliefs come from?	Where do religious beliefs come from?	What do Christians learn from the resurrection story?	How have events in history shaped beliefs?
Philosophy	What is a 'good life'?	What questions do religious stories make us ask? Can we find any answers?	How do people make moral decisions?	Can people come back to life?	What is the difference between believing and knowing?
Human & Social Science	How do people express commitment to their religion in different ways?	How do religious groups contribute to society and culture in the local area?	What difference does being a Hindu make to daily life?	How do Christians express their religious beliefs in modern Britain?	How do people express commitment to their religion in different ways?



Year 5						
Term	AI	A2	Spl	Sp2	Sul	
Theme/Big Question	How do Hindu beliefs impact on their actions? (ahimsa, dharma)	How do Christians bring hope at Christmas? (hope, reconciliation)	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? (Five Pillars, ibadah)	How has the Christian community changed over time? (persecution, church, symbols)		
Religion	Hinduism	Christianity	Islam	Christianity		
Theology	How do Hindus make sense of the world?	Was Jesus the Messiah?	Why do people interpret things differently?	What do Christians believe about God?		
Philosophy	Is believing in God reasonable?	Is believing in God reasonable?	What is the purpose of life?	Why is there suffering in the world?		
Human & Social Science	How do beliefs shape identity for Hindus?	How do religious groups contribute to society and culture across the world?	How do beliefs shape identity for Muslims?	How have expressions of Christianity changed over time?		



Year 6					
Term	AI	A2	Spl	Sp2	Sul
Theme/Big Question	Are the 10 commandments still relevant today?	Has Christmas lost its real meaning?	Who or what is god? (Trinity, Tallhid)	If everyone followed the 'middle way', would there be a perfect world? (suffering, karma, nirvana)	What do Bahai's understand by progressive revelation?
Religion	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity, Islam	Buddhism	Baha'i
Theology	One narrative many beliefs: Why do people interpret things differently?	How reliable are sources of authority for believers?	What can we learn about the nature of God from religious texts?	How do Buddhists explain suffering in the world?	
Philosophy	Is it possible for something to always be right (or wrong)?	Are angels real?	Is believing in God reasonable?	Why is there suffering in the world?	
Human & Social Science	How do beliefs shape identity for Christians?	How have religious groups contributed to societies and culture across the world?	What makes a religion?	Does religion bring peace, conflict or both?	