

Progression of Skills in Religious Education

	EYFS	KS1		LKS2		UKS2	
Themes	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Pupils can:	Pupils can use religious phrases and words to:	Pupils can use religious phrases and words to:	Pupils can use an increasing religious vocabulary to:	Pupils can use an increasing religious vocabulary to:	Pupils can use a developing religious vocabulary to:	Pupils can use a developing religious vocabulary to:
How beliefs are expressed Religious stories.	L C ELG Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently	Recount outlines of some religious stories. Sequence two or more images from religious stories e.g. The Lost Sheep, Creation, Christmas	Retell religious stories. Sequence the main events of a religious story in order E.g. Moses, Easter, Christmas. Use a biblical story	Retell stories from the New Testament, including the story of the Last Supper, suggesting the meaning the story has for a Christian. Retell a story that shows the authority of Jesus, suggesting how a Christian might understand the story	Looking at holy texts and stories, explain meaning in a story. Describe some of the things that Christians learn about Jesus from the New Testament.	Describe and link religious teaching with moral choices such as charity work. Describe similarities or differences about what believers might learn from two given religious stories.	Choose two religious stories from differing religions and demonstrate how believers may learn similar lessons.
	introduced vocabulary. EAD B I E ELG Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.	Recognise and recall Christian stories and those of other religions.	as a basis for their own story on a given theme or value. Decide and give a reason for which aspects of the Easter Story are most important to the church or Christians.	 Make a link between the way a parable or religious story is used in religious teaching and the impact it has on a child belonging to the faith. Looking at holy texts and stories, explain meaning in a story. Give a definition of 2 religious concepts with reference to a religious story or practice. 	Describe links between the Christmas and Easter stories and key beliefs about Jesus (incarnation & Resurrection/salvatio n) Describe what believers might learn from religious stories.	religious stories.	
Understan ding beliefs and teachings Beliefs and teachings (from various religions)	UW P C C ELG Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and	Describe some of the main festivals or celebrations of a religion.	Identify some religious beliefs and teachings. Reflect on what makes Shabbat holy for Jews	Describe the key teaching and belief of the religions studied. Refer to religious figures and holy books to explain answers. Identify similarities and difference between religions and beliefs.	Describe the key beliefs and teachings of the religions studied. Identify connections between beliefs and teachings within each religion studied.	Describe the impact of faith on the lives of believers. Explain how some teaching and beliefs are shared between religions. Explain how religious beliefs shape the lives	Describe and explain different ideas about human relationships with reference to three different faiths. Make comparisons between the key beliefs, teachings and practices of the religions studied.





what has been read in class.		Compare a given idea about God to another given example from another religion. Describe three things that Christians believe and how they link, including communion.	Describe similarities and differences between religions and beliefs Compare simple Christian ideas about God with those of another religion. Describe some of the different ways that Christians express their beliefs by belonging to a church/congregation /community.	of individuals and communities. Recognise and explain the impact of beliefs on individuals and communities. Compare different views of sacred space, sacred texts or sacred people with reference to 2 given faiths. Know the different ways Christians believe that God communicates with them and the difference it makes to their lives. Describe and show the ways that Christians understand God. Explain how a Christian understanding of the resurrection might	Explain how some beliefs and teachings make a difference to the lives of individuals and communities. Use religious and philosophical terminology and concepts to explain religions, practices and beliefs. Make links between Jesus life and teaching and different form of Christian action e.g., ritual, protest, charity. Describe and explain the different views of sacred space, sacred text and sacred people with reference to 2 faiths. Describe and compare different Christian beliefs about how God might Communicate
				Explain how a Christian	Describe and compare different Christian
					Describe how Christians express beliefs of Jesus as "God made Man" and Saviour in Art and Worship.



Understan ding practices and lifestyles Rituals, ceremonie s and lifestyles (from various religions)	UW P P ELG Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society	Recognise, name and describe some religious artefacts and placesRecognise features of religious life and practice.Explore, compare and identify artefacts associated with a religion or religious story.Explore how belonging to a religion impacts on family life e.g. how Jewish people spend their weekend.Explore how festivals are celebrated in different cultures and religions e.g., Jewish New Year.	Identify some Religious practices; know that some are characteristic of more than one religion. Identify how religion and belief are expressed in different ways. Explore and gather information about a religious festival. Reflect on and explore the similarities between Christian and Jewish Festivals (compare). Identify the meanings for foods and practices during festivals.	Identify religious artefacts and buildings; explain how and why they are used. Explain some of the religious practices of both religious leaders and individuals. Describe how some features of the religions studied are used in festivals and practices. Give a reason why Christians take communion.	Understand the ways of belonging to religions and what these involve. Identify and describe the impact of beliefs and practices on individuals, groups and communities. Comment on Connections between questions, beliefs, values and practices. Describe the importance to a Christian of Prayer and commemoration (Communion and Lent).	Show an understanding of the role of a spiritual leader. Explain how Selected features of religious life and practice make a difference to the lives of individuals and communities. Explain connections between questions, beliefs, values and practices in different belief systems. Describe and give reasons for the key features of a religious building with reference to holy texts where appropriate.	different ideas Christians may have about salvation and life after death. Describe and compare different ideas about life after death within other religions. Compare and contrast the lifestyles of different faith groups. Give reasons why some within the same faith may adopt different lifestyles. Explain the significance of practices of faiths to the lives of individuals and communities. Explain some of the opportunities and challenges offered by the variety of religions and beliefs in the contemporary world. Describe and compare how important aspects of other religious beliefs are reflected in the buildings and practices of a community.
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Understan ding how beliefs are conveyed How beliefs are expressed	UW P C C ELG Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.	Recognise that Jesus was a leader and others followed him. Recognise some religious symbols and words. Name some religious symbols. Explore and recognise some religious symbols Reflect on how symbols make them feel.	Explain the meaning of some religious symbols. Suggest meanings in religious stories and language used. Identify the importance of Jewish and Christian Symbols from a range (recognise). Compare and talk about the importance of symbolic clothing.	Identify religious symbolism in literature and the arts. Make links between religious symbols, language and stories and the beliefs or ideas that underlie them. Suggest meanings for symbols e.g., light. Suggest 2 reasons why a symbol is a 'good' symbol for its festival: e.g., light for Christmas. Identify and match the symbols of the Eucharist to Key Christian beliefs.	 Show how religious beliefs, ideas and feelings can be expressed in a variety of forms, using appropriate vocabulary. Give meanings for some symbols, stories and religious language. Show how signs and symbols can communicate important beliefs. Describe what members of other religions might learn from symbols. 	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs. Explain how some forms of religious expression are used differently by individuals and communities. Compare symbols and words to show understanding of the similarities and differences between Christian views of God and the views of other religions. Recognise and explain the religious significance behind a range of dress codes and how they demonstrate commitment to a religious belief.	Compare the different ways in which people of faith communities express their faith. Explain the reasons for and effects of diversity within and between religions, beliefs and cultures. Describe and compare different ways of demonstrating commitment to a tradition of religion and belief.
Reflecting Time to	CL LAU ELG Listen attentively and respond to what	Identify things important in own life and compare	Ask questions about their own and others' feelings and	Understand that personal experiences and feelings influence attitudes and	Ask questions about the significant experiences of key	Recognise and express feelings about own identities	Discuss and express own views on questions of identity,
reflect and	they hear with	these to religious	experiences.	actions.	figures from religions	(relating these to	meaning, purpose and
personal	relevant	beliefs.	Realise that some	Compare aspects of	studied and suggest answers from own	religious beliefs or teachings).	morality (relating these
growth	questions, comments and actions when being read to and	Identify aspects of own experience and	questions that cause people to	own experiences and those of others,	and others' experiences, including believers.	Make informed responses to questions of identity,	to a range of faiths) Explain why own answers to ultimate



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	during whole class discussions and small group interactions; CL LAU ELG Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding; CL S ELG Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary; CL S ELG Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non- fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. CL S ELG Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences.	feelings in religious stories studied. Identify things they find interesting or puzzling in religious materials studied. Explore and reflect upon some interesting or puzzling questions. Reflect on and ask questions about how and why people celebrate. Reflect on the idea of a celebration as a human instinct.	wonder are difficult to answer. Respond sensitively to the experiences and feelings of others, including those with a faith Create and decide what would be good questions to ask a Rabbi or a Vicar. Reflect on their own views and give a reason for it. Ask questions about thoughts that puzzle them.	identifying what influences own life. Compare own and other people's ideas about questions that are difficult to answer. Investigate and connect features of religions and beliefs. Begin to ask important questions about prayer and worship. Ask questions and suggest answers about why people choose to follow rules and duties.	Give some reasons why religious figures may have acted as they did. Ask questions about puzzling aspects of life/ experiences and suggest answers, referring to the teaching of religions studied. Gather, select and organize ideas about religions and beliefs. Ask important questions about prayer, worship, pilgrimage and miracles Use appropriate examples to support their ideas and opinions.	experience, meaning and purpose based on learning (using relevant sources and evidence). Explain own ideas about the answers to ultimate questions. Suggest lines of enquiry to address questions raised by the study of religions and beliefs. Ask important questions about prayer, worship, pilgrimage and miracles and suggest answers with reference to different religions. Use appropriate examples to support their ideas and opinions Devise 4 questions to ask about why people choose to believe in resurrection, heaven, life after death and suggest answers that people from different religions might give.	 questions may differ from those of others. Identify the influences on different viewpoints within religions and beliefs. Interpret the significance and impact of different forms of religious and spiritual expression. Ask important questions about religious experience and revelations and moral choices referring to the faiths studied and suggest answers with reference to different religious texts or resources. Use appropriate examples to support their ideas and opinions.
Understand ing Values	PSED SR ELG Show an understanding of their own	Identify what is of value and concern to self through	Explain how actions affect others; understand the term 'morals'.	Discuss and give opinions on stories involving moral dilemmas.	Describe how some of the values held by communities or individuals affect	Express own values and remain respectful of those with different values.	Show an awareness of morals and right and wrong beyond rules (i.e. wanting to act in a





	feelings and those	religious material		Explain how beliefs about	behaviour and		certain way despite
Values (in	of others.	studied.	Respond	right and wrong affect	actions.	Make informed	rules).
your own	or others.	staarea	sensitively to	people's behaviour.	uctions.	responses to people's	
life and	PSED MS ELG	Identify examples	the values and	people o sector out	Ask questions about	values and	Explain why different
others	Explain the	of when had to	concerns of	Make links between values	matters of right and	commitments	religious communities
lives)	reasons for rules.	make own choices.	others, in	and commitments,	wrong: suggest	(including religious	or individuals may have
,	know right from		relation to	including religious ones,	answers that show	ones) based on	a different view of what
	wrong.	Talk about	matters of right	and own	understanding of	learning.	is right/wrong.
	5	something that is	and wrong	attitudes/behaviour.	moral and religious	5	5, 5
		good (The World)			issues.	Recognize and	Use different
		and give a reason	Explore, discuss	Respond sensitively to the		explain diversity	techniques
		for why their	and record down	rules and customs followed	Describe some of	within religious	appropriately to reflect
		actions are	some ideas about	by others, saying why those	the rules/guidance	expression, using	deeply on people's
		important.	why leaders are	rules matter to them.	used by believers of	appropriate concepts.	values and
			needed (decide).		other religions and		commitments
		Explore and talk			how these might be	Link their own ideas	(including religious
		about what makes			applied to working	about how to live a	ones).
		someone a leader			with others	good life to the	
		and give a reason				teachings of	Make links between
		for this.			Describe the way	Christianity and other	other religious
					Jesus has authority	religions.	teachings about God
					for Christians and	Describe and link	and guidance for life
					link to qualities	religious teaching with	
					people with authority	moral choices such as	Explain the impact of
					need to have.	charity work.	authority and how the
							world might be
						Suggest answers a	changed if people lived
						Christian might give to	by it.
						the questions about	
						how the authority of	
						Jesus is lived out in	
						the Church.	