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**Christ Church Upper Armley** 

# Religious Education Curriculum

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#### Our rationale:

Our RE curriculum is designed to be challenging and to enable children to explore Biblical texts and to understand how they are important in the lives of Christians today, allowing children to make connections to their own lives and beliefs. It develops children's knowledge and understanding of Christianity, other principal world religions, religious traditions and world-views, which offers answers to life's big questions. This helps to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement, enabling children to become responsible citizens and preparing them for their current and future world in modern Britain and global society.

Learning about the beliefs of other religions is integral to building the children's understanding of the world and enables them to develop respect for others and their beliefs and helps to challenge prejudice and appreciate and celebrate cultural diversity.

The RE curriculum has been carefully planned so that our children make natural links with other subjects. We provide opportunities for spiritual development and incorporate visits and visitors enrich our curriculum further.

As a Church of England school, Religious Education is firmly rooted in Christianity. Christ Church uses the Diocesan Syllabus for Religious Education from the Dioceses of Leeds and York, including the 'Understanding Christianity: Text, Impact, Connections' resource as recommended by The Diocese of Leeds. The school's long term plan has been designed to incorporate the units from both resources.

To create our curriculum for the teaching of RE, we use 'Understanding Christianity' which has been devised specially for the teaching of Christianity in schools. We use the Diocesan Syllabus for the teaching of other religions and thematic units.

Within our lessons we focus on 3 areas: 'Making Sense of the text', 'Understanding the Impact' and 'Making Connections'. These three strands form the basis of each unit taught and intertwine to ensure full coverage across the Religious Education (RE) curriculum towards the stated outcomes. These aims of each of these areas are described below:

#### **Our Intent:**

At Christ Church, we believe that religious education (RE) plays an important role in defining the school's distinctive Christian character. Our RE learning journey provides a foundation for children to flourish into curious, spiritual, respectful and open-hearted individuals. The skills, values and attitudes developed in RE are at the heart of our friendly and welcoming community, where the children are encouraged to have a positive sense of identity and belonging, guided by the values and beliefs of our Christian faith.

We believe it is crucial to develop our pupils' understanding of the wide variety of worldviews that exist in our world - giving them opportunities to widen their knowledge and experience, discuss and challenge views. Our children are already naturally inquisitive, and

our RE lessons allow them to explore new ideas and support them to ask questions and share their own ideas to deepen their understanding.

#### Implementation:

Our RE units are split into 3 main sections: making sense of the test, understanding the impact and making connections (as set out below) and are interwoven within learning sequences. We follow this format from both the Understanding Christianity and the Leeds and York Diocesan units. Teachers take the objectives and the core knowledge and create a clear path of learning through each unit which provides opportunities to revisit prior learning as well as new learning, with regular 'digging deeper' activities for challenge. Each RE unit contains both disciplinary and substantive knowledge which show progression through the year groups and across 'themes' which are revisited, such as 'Creation' and 'Incarnation'.

#### Making sense of the text

- Identifying and making sense of core religious and non-religious concepts and beliefs.
- Understanding what these beliefs mean within their traditions.
- Recognising how and why sources of authority are used, expressed and interpreted in different ways.
- Developing skills of interpretation.

#### Understanding the impact

• Examining how and why people put their beliefs into action in diverse ways, within their everyday lives, within their communities and in the wider world.

#### Making connections

- Reasoning about, reflecting on, evaluating and connecting the concepts, beliefs and practices studied.
- Allowing pupils to challenge ideas and the ideas to challenge pupils' thinking.
- Discerning possible connections between these ideas and pupils' own lives and ways of understanding the world.

## **Religions Taught**

Christianity is taught in all year groups. Christianity is taught in a spiral curriculum (see diagram below) focusing on different concepts e.g. creation which are built upon in each year group.

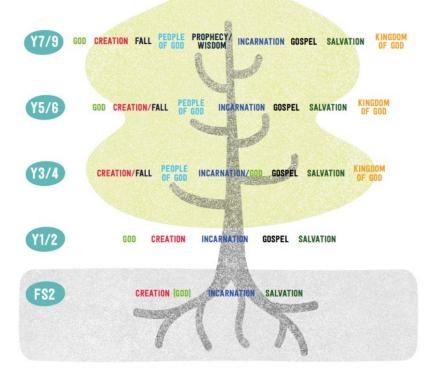
Different year groups also explore other religions and worldviews. Year 1 study Jewish people, Year 2 study Muslim people, Year 3 study Hindu people and Year 4 study Sikh people. Years 5 and 6 study a range of these religions and also study people with no religious beliefs.

In line with the Leeds and York Diocesan Syllabus (September 2022), children study Christianity for 50% of the curriculum, with the other 50% being made up of other world faiths and non-religious world views.

In Foundation Stage children explore the different aspects of religion and how they are special to people. They do this through sharing their own experiences and enjoying religious stories.

In Key Stage 1 children begin to understand the importance of religion to different people. They will have opportunities to reflect on their own feelings enabling them to develop a sense of belonging.

This is further developed in Key Stage 2. Children will learn to recognise diversity within religion; comparing religions in order to find similarities and differences between them. They will develop effective communication of their own ideas and recognise and respect different viewpoints.



# Core Concepts within the Teaching of Christianity

Concept	
God	Fundamental to Christian belief is the existence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Creation	The universe and human life are God's good creation. Humans are made in the image of God.
Fall	Humans have a tendency to go their own way rather than keep their place in relation to their Creator. This attitude is called sin, and Genesis 3 gives an account of this rebellion, popularly called 'the Fall'. This describes a catastrophic separation between God and humans, between humans and each other, and between humans and the environment.  This idea that humans are 'fallen' and in need of rescue (or salvation) sets out the root cause of many problems for humanity.
People of God	The Old Testament tells the story of God's plan to reverse the impact of the Fall, to save humanity. It involves choosing a people who will model a restored relationship with God, who will attract all other people back to God. The Bible narrative includes the ups and downs of this plan, including the message of the prophets, who tried to persuade people to stick with God. The plan appears to end in failure with the people of God exiled, and then returning, awaiting a 'messiah' — a rescuer.

Incarnation	The New Testament presents Jesus as the answer: the Messiah and Saviour, who will repair the effects of sin and the Fall and offer a way for humans to be at one with God again. Incarnation means that Jesus is God in the flesh, and that, in Jesus, God came to live among humans.
Gospel	Jesus' incarnation is 'good news' for all people. ('Gospel' means 'good news'.) His life, teaching and ministry embody what it is like to be one of the people of God, what it means to live in relationship with God. Jesus' example and teaching emphasise loving one's neighbour — particularly the weak and vulnerable — as part of loving God.
Salvation	Jesus' death and resurrection effect the rescue or salvation of humans. He opens the way back to God. Through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered, and the relationship between God and humans is restored.
Kingdom of God	This does not mean that no one sins anymore! The Bible talks in terms of God's 'Kingdom' having begun in human hearts through Jesus. The idea of the 'Kingdom of God' reflects God's ideal for human life in the world — a vision of life lived in the way God intended for human beings. Christians look forward to a time when God's rule is fulfilled at some future point, in a restored, transformed heaven and earth. Meanwhile, they seek to live this attractive life as in God's Kingdom, following Jesus' example, inspired and empowered by God's Spirit.

# Core Concept and Key Question Overview within the teaching of Christianity

Concept	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
God	Why is the word of God so important to Christians?				ne Trinity?		
Creation / Fall	Why is the word of God so important to Christians?	Who made the World?		What do Christians learn from the creation story?			Creation and science, confliction or complimentary?
People of God				What is it like to follow God?			
Incarnation	Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?		stmas matter to tians?	What is th	ne Trinity?	Was Jesus the Messiah?	
Gospel			What is the good news Jesus brings?		What kind of world did Jesus want?	What would Jesus do?	
Salvation	Why do Christians put a cross on an Easter garden?		ster matter to tians?		Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?	What did Jesus do to save human beings?	What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?
Kingdom of God					,		What kind of king is Jesus?

#### Impact:

By the end of Reception, our pupils will have learnt that they are important as an individual, and that they have a role to play in school, in their families and communities. They know that people in the world believe different things and take part in different rituals, and that this is what makes us all special. They can talk about stories they have read which begin to help them to understand how they can apply our school Christian values to their own lives.

By the end of Key Stage One, our pupils have a firm foundation of understanding about Christianity and other world faiths. Their curiosity is encouraged so that they feel confident to question, 'disagree well' and explore their own beliefs. They are enthusiastic about RE and know it helps them to understand other people as well as to shape their own ideas about the world.

By the end of Key Stage Two, our pupils can express themselves clearly and are respectful, open-hearted and thoughtful individuals. Their learning in RE has supported them to know how important they are in their community – that they can have an impact on the world around them. They respect the fact that each person has their own world view and are confident to discuss their own beliefs and explore what other people believe.

## Early Years Foundation Stage - Reception

RE sits very firmly within the areas of personal, social and emotional development and understanding the world. This curriculum enables children to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others, and to learn how to form positive and respectful relationships. They will do this through a balance of guided, planned teaching and pursuing their own learning within an enabling environment. They will begin to understand and value the differences of individuals and groups within their own immediate community. Children will have opportunity to develop their emerging moral and cultural awareness.

#### Early Learning Goals from the DfE 2020 Guidance applied to RE

Children in EYFS should encounter religious and non-religious worldviews through special people, books, times, places and objects and by visiting places of worship. They should listen to and talk about stories. Children can be introduced to subject-specific words and use all their senses to explore beliefs, practices and forms of expression. They ask questions and reflect on their own feelings and experiences. They use their imagination and curiosity to develop their appreciation of, and wonder at, the world in which they live.

Area of Learning	RE enables children to
Prime area: communication and	Develop their spoken language through quality conversation in a language-rich environment, gaining
language	new vocabulary about religion and worldviews

<ul> <li>Engage actively with stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems from the RE field, taking opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts</li> <li>Share their ideas via conversation, storytelling and role play, responding to support and modelling from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate their thoughts in the RE field</li> <li>Become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures in relation to RE content.</li> <li>Offer explanations and answers to 'why' questions about religious stories, non-fiction, rhymes, songs and poems.</li> <li>Observe and join in warm and supportive relationships with adults and learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others</li> <li>Manage emotions and develop a positive sense of self, understanding their own feelings and those of others e.g. through religious story</li> <li>Talk and think about simple values as they learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peaceably</li> <li>Notice and respond to ideas about caring, sharing and kindness from RE content including stories, sayings and</li> </ul>
songs
<ul> <li>Use and develop their motor skills through RE based arts and craft activities and, for example, small world play, visual representations of their ideas and thoughts, role play</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Build their abilities in language comprehension through talking with adults about the world around them, including the world of religion and belief</li> <li>Engage with stories and non-fiction in RE settings and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Build their skills in RE-related word reading, recognizing religious words and discovering new vocabulary in relation to religions and worldviews</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Articulate ideas and use RE examples to write simple phrases or sentences that can be read by others.</li> </ul>
Develop their spatial reasoning skills, noticing shape, space and measures in relation to RE content
<ul> <li>Look for patterns and relationships and spot connections, sorting and ordering objects simply</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Make sense of their physical world and their community, e.g. on visits to places of worship, or by meeting members of religious communities</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Listen to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems to foster understanding of our culturally, socially and ecologically diverse world.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Extend their knowledge and familiarity with words that support understanding of religion and belief</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Talk about the lives of people around them, understanding characters and events from stories.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country,</li> </ul>
drawing on their experiences and what has been read and experienced in class.
<ul> <li>Explore the natural world around them making observations of animals and plants, environments and seasons, making space for responses of joy, wonder, awe and questioning</li> </ul>
Develop artistic and cultural awareness in relation to RE materials in relation to art, music, dance,
<ul> <li>imaginative play, and role-play and stories to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Build their imagination and creativity by exploring and playing with a wide range of media and materials using RE content, responding in a variety of ways to what they see, hear, smell, touch and taste.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>See, hear and participate in a wide range of examples of religious and spiritual expression, developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts.</li> </ul>

•	Create work drawing from religions and beliefs with a variety of materials and tools, sharing their creations and
	explaining the meaning of their work.
•	Adapt and recount religious stories inventively, imaginatively and expressively, and sing, perform and learn from
	well- known songs in RE imaginatively and expressively.

## **Key Stage One**

Pupils will develop their knowledge and understanding of religious and non-religious worldviews, recognising their local, national and global contexts. They will use basic subject-specific vocabulary and will raise questions and begin to express their own views in response to the material they learn about and in response to questions about their ideas.

#### **Aims**

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- to know about and understand Christianity as a diverse global living faith through the exploration of core beliefs using an approach that critically engages with biblical text.
- to gain knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews appreciating diversity, continuity and change within the religions and worldviews being studied.
- to engage with challenging questions of meaning and purpose raised by human existence and experience.
- to recognise the concept of religion and its continuing influence on Britain's cultural heritage and in the lives of individuals and societies in different times, cultures and places.
- to explore their own religious, spiritual and philosophical ways of living, believing and thinking

RE teaching will enable pupils in Key Stage One to:

A. Make sense of a range of religious and	B. Understand the impact and significance	C. Make connections between religious and
non-religious concepts and beliefs.	of religious and non-religious beliefs.	non-religious concepts, beliefs, practices
		and ideas studied.

By the end of Key Stage One pupils should be able to:

• Identify the core concepts and beliefs studied and give a simple description of what they mean	Give examples of how people use stories, texts and teachings to guide their beliefs and actions, individually and as communities	• Think, talk and ask questions about whether there are any lessons for them to learn from the ideas they have been studying, exploring different ideas
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· ·	Give examples of ways in which believers put their beliefs into action	Give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make
• Give clear, simple accounts of what stories and other texts mean to believers		Talk about what they have learned

## **Lower Key Stage Two**

Pupils will extend their knowledge and understanding of religious and non-religious worldviews, recognising their local, national and global contexts. They will be introduced to an extended range of sources and subject-specific vocabulary and will be encouraged to be curious and to ask increasingly challenging questions about religion, belief, values and human life. Pupils will learn to express their own ideas in response to the material they engage with, identifying relevant information, selecting examples and giving reasons to support their ideas and views.

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		practices and ideas studied.

By the end of Year Four pupils should be able to:

Identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts studied	Make simple links between stories, teachings and concepts studied and how people live, individually and in communities	Raise important questions and suggest answers about how far the beliefs and practices studied might make a difference to how pupils think and live
Make clear links between texts/sources of authority and the key concepts studied	Describe how people show their beliefs in how they worship and in the way they live	Make links between some of the beliefs and practices studied and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly
Offer informed suggestions about what texts/sources of authority might mean and give examples of what these sources mean to believers	• Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into practice	<ul> <li>Give good reasons for the views they have and the connections they make</li> <li>Talk about what they have learned and if they have changed their thinking</li> </ul>

## **Upper Key Stage Two**

Pupils will extend their knowledge and understanding of religious and non-religious worldviews, recognising their local, national and global contexts. They should be introduced to an extended range of sources and subject-specific vocabulary. They should be encouraged to be curious and to ask increasingly challenging questions about religion, belief, values and human life. Pupils should learn to express their own ideas in response to the material they engage with, identifying relevant information, selecting examples and giving reasons to support their ideas and views.

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## RE teaching will enable pupils to:

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## By the end of Year Six pupils should be able to:

• Identify and explain the core beliefs and concepts studied, using examples from texts/sources of authority in religions	Make clear connections between what people believe and how they live, individually and in communities	Make connections between the beliefs and practices studied, evaluating and explaining their importance to different people (e.g. believers and atheists)
Describe examples of ways in which people use texts/sources of authority to make sense of core beliefs and concepts	• Using evidence and examples, show how and why people put their beliefs into practice in different ways, e.g. in different communities, denominations or cultures	Reflect on and articulate lessons people might gain from the beliefs/practices studied, including their own responses, recognising that others may think differently
Taking account of the context(s), suggest meanings for texts/ sources of authority studied, comparing		<ul> <li>Consider and weigh up how ideas studied in this unit relate to their own experiences and experiences of the world today, developing insights of their ideas with ways in which believers interpret them, showing awareness of different interpretations. their own and giving good reasons for the views they have and the connections they make</li> <li>Talk about what they have learned, how their thinking may have changed and why</li> </ul>

#### **Curriculum Overview**

Understanding Christianity units

Diocesan Syllabus units that focus on other principal religions and worldviews

Diocesan Syllabus thematic units that compare beliefs and practices between religious and non-religious worldviews

	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
EYFS	God/Creation: Why is the word of God so important to Christians?	Incarnation: Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: Being special: where do we belong?	Salvation: Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: Which places are special and why?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: Which stories are special and why?
Year 1	Creation/Fall: Who made the world?	Incarnation: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: What makes some places special to believers?	Salvation: Why does Easter matter to Christians?		Faiths: I how do they live?
Year 2	Gospel: What is the good news that Jesus brings?	Incarnation: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: How should we care for the world, for others, and why should it matter?	Salvation: Why does Easter matter to Christians?	Who is Muslim and	Faiths: I how do they live?
Year 3	Creation/Fall: What do Christians learn from the creation story?	People of God: What is it like to follow God?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: What are the deeper meanings of festivals?	Incarnation: What is the Trinity?	What does it mean to	Faiths: o be a Hindu in Britain lay?
Year 4	Gospel: What kind of world does Jesus want?	Incarnation: What is the Trinity?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: How and why do believers show their commitments during the journey of life?	Salvation: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?	World What does it mean to b	Faiths: e a Sikh in Britain today?
Year 5	Gospel: What would Jesus do?	Incarnation: Was Jesus the Messiah?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers?	Salvation: What did Jesus do to save human beings?	World What does it mean for	Faiths: Muslims to follow God?
Year 6	Creation: Creation and science, confliction or complimentary?	Kingdom of God: What kind of king is Jesus?	Comparing Beliefs and Practices: What will make our city / town a more respectful place to live?	Salvation: What difference does the resurrection mean for Christians?	What does it mean for a	Faiths: Jewish person to follow od?

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	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
Concept: God / Creation  EYFS: Why is the word God so important to Christians?	For Christians the word 'God' is important as the name of someone very important: the Creator of the universe and all that is in it, including people and animals.  Christians show that God is important to them in church when they gather together to pray to God and to sing his praise. A church is a Christian place of worship. Worship is about people showing how much God is worth to them.  Harvest festival is an enjoyable though not major festival in the church calendar. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God the creator and provider	Recognise that for Christians the word 'God' is important.  Recognise that Christians see God as the Creator of the universe and all that is in it.	Talk about where Christians worship and give simple explanations as to why worship is important to them.  Talk about why harvest is important to Christians.  Give examples of what happens in churches at Harvest Time.	In EYFS, the Making Connections element of the approach is woven throughout all activities.	Create, Creation, creative, creator,

	Links to Prior Learning  This is the first unit pupils have experienced in relation to the concept God/Creation.							
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EYFS: Why do Christians perform a nativity at Christmas?	Christians say Jesus was a special baby because he came from God; Christians believe he was God born as a baby; Christians say he was God come to be with us on earth as the friend and rescuer of human beings.  Christians celebrate Christmas as the birth of Christ on a date chosen by the churches rather than a known date. Western churches celebrate on December 25.  Christmas events at churches are numerous, with carol services and crib services.  Christians believe Jesus is the light of the world.	Begin to recognise that Christians connect the baby Jesus with the adult Jesus.  Recognise that for Christians, Jesus is not just a baby, but God.	Talk about how Christians celebrate Christmas as the birth of Christ.	In EYFS, the Making Connections element of the approach is woven throughout all activities.	Christmas, Jesus stable, Bethlehem, baby, birth, Christ, light, nativity			

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	This is the first thematic unit to				igion and worldviews.		
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	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary		
Comparing	Religions teach that each person is unique and valuable.	Talk about the idea that each person is unique and valuable.	Talk about signs and symbols used in welcoming children	Retell religious stories, making connections	Jewish, Christian, tradition, baptism, unique, love, special,		
beliefs and practices  EYFS: Being	Jewish and Christian people believe that God loves people even from before they are born.  Baptism is a Christian	Explore the Jewish and Christian ideas that God loves people even from before they are born  Share and record	into the faith community.  Recall simply what happens at a traditional Christian infant baptism and dedication	with personal experiences.	faith, welcome		
special: where do we belong?	tradition welcoming children into the family of God.  Other cultures and religions have different traditions for naming babies and welcoming them into the community.	occasions when things have happened in their lives that made them feel special.	Recall simply what happens when a baby is welcomed into a religion other than Christianity				

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	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
Concept: Salvation  EYFS: Why do Christians put a cross on an Easter garden?	Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and is the start of Holy Week  For Christians, Easter is the most important festival of the year  Easter is also a big secular celebration in Britain, dominated by chocolate eggs, with a focus on springtime	Give a simple account of the last days of Jesus' ministry on Earth, from Palm Sunday to Jesus' resurrection.	Talk about the Christian traditions of Easter.  Give examples of secular traditions associated with Easter.	In EYFS, the Making Connections element of the approach is woven throughout all activities.	

	Links to Prior Learning  This is the second thematic unit which will make links to the previous unit, 'Being special: where do we belong?'						
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	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	isciplinary Knowled Understanding the impact	ge Making connections	Vocabulary		
Comparing beliefs and practices  EYFS: Which places are special and why?	A church building is a special place for Christians and a mosque is a special place for Muslims.	Talk about somewhere that is special to themselves, saying why.  Talk about why some places are special, what makes them significant and to whom	Recognise that some religious people have places which have special meaning for them  Talk about the things that are special and valued in a place of worship  Identify some significant features of sacred places	Get to know and use appropriate words to talk about their thoughts and feelings when visiting a church  Express a personal response to the natural world	Church, mosque, Muslim, sacred, special		

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erstand more about God.	religious stories	Talk about what Jesus teaches about keeping promises	Identify some of their own feelings in the stories they	Bible, holy book, Qu'ran, sacred, promises, feelings,
Qu'ran is the Muslim holy k and is a text that is	Recognise some religious vocabulary, e.g. about God	and say why keeping promises is a good thing to do	hear.	Old testament, new testament, Muhammad, prophet
ed to trieffi.	Identify a sacred text	Talk about what Jesus teaches about saying 'thank you', and why it is good to		ргорпес
		thank and be thanked.		
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This unit follows on from the EYFS unit, 'Why is the word of God so important to Christians?' Pupils looked at what the Bible says about God. They learnt that for Christians the word 'God' is important as the name of someone very important: the Creator of the universe and all that is in it, including people and animals. They were also introduced to the fact that Christians show that God is important to them in church when they gather together to pray to God and to sing his praise. They learning that a church is a Christian place of worship. Worship is about people showing how much God is worth to them.

## Concept: Creation / Fall

Year 1 Who made the world?

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		Di	isciplinary Knowled	ge	
	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
	God created the universe.  The Earth and everything in it	Retell the story of creation from Genesis 1:1-2.3	Give at least one example of what Christians do to say	Think, talk and ask questions about living in an amazing	God, Jesus, Humans, special, create, creation, creator and
	are important to God.	simply.	thank you to God for	world.	creative, Harvest
	God has a unique relationship		the Creation.		festival, sharing,
•	with human beings as their	Recognise that			church service,
	Creator and Sustainer.	'Creation' is the beginning of the 'big			church Bible, worship, universe
	Humans should care for the	story' of the Bible.			Jewish Christian,
	world because it belongs to				light, waters, land
	God.	Say what the story			sea, sun, moon,
		tells Christians about			birds, fish, animals
		God, Creation and the world			and humans, rest

		Links	to Prior Learning					
	This follows on from the EYFS unit, 'Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?'. Pupils looked at what the Bible says about Jesus. The unit started by connecting the baby Jesus with the adult Jesus – often a huge confusion for childre – and explored the idea that for Christians, Jesus is not just a baby, but God. Pupils were introduced to the fact the Christians celebrate Christmas as the birth of Christ on a date chosen by the churches rather than a known date.							
		Di	isciplinary Knowled					
Concept: Incarnation	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary			
Year 1 Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.  The Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (for example, to the poor, in Luke).  Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.	Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians.  Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels	Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.	Decide what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas time	Christmas, Advent, Birth Good News, Jesus; Mary; Joseph, King, Christians, Announce (annunciation); God			

		Links	to Prior Learning						
	This follows on from the EYFS unit, 'Which places are special and why?'' Pupils talked about somewhere that is special themselves. They recognised that some religious people have places which have special meaning for them; talked at the things that are special and valued in a place of worship; identified some significant features of sacred places recognised a place of worship.								
	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary				
Comparing beliefs and practices  Year 1 What makes some places special to believers?	There are special places where people go to worship.  Christians worship in Church, Muslims in a mosque, Hindus and Sikhs in a temple and Jews in a synagogue.  Some special objects in Judaism are: Torah, tefillin, tallit and kippah.  Some special ideas and objects in Islam are: the Qur'an, wudu, calligraphy, prayer mat and prayer beads.	Recognise that there are special places where people go to worship, and talk about what people do there  Identify at least three objects used in worship in two religions and give a simple account of how they are used and something about what they mean  Identify a belief about worship and a belief about God, connecting these beliefs simply to a place of worship.	Give examples of stories, objects, symbols and actions used in churches, mosques and/or synagogues which show what people believe  Give simple examples of how people worship at a church, mosque or synagogue  Talk about why some people like to belong to a sacred building or a community	Think, talk and ask good questions about what happens in a church, synagogue or mosque, saying what they think about these questions, giving good reasons for their ideas  Talk about what makes some places special to people, and what the difference is between religious and non-religious special places  Talk about what they have learned and what has helped them to learn.	Tier 3 Synagogue, Shabbat, mosque, Judaism, Islam, Christianity  Tier 2 Sacred, Muslim, Holy, community, Christian, Church, place of worship, worship, temple				

	This follows on from the EYFS says about the last days of Jesu most important festival of the yout to the secular celebrations of E	unit, 'Why do Christiar us' ministry on Earth, fro ear for Christians and la	om Palm Sunday to Jesi	us' resurrection. They l	earnt that Easter is the
Concept:	Substantive Knowledge		isciplinary Knowled Understanding the impact	ge Making connections	Vocabulary
Salvation  Year 1 Why does Easter matter to Christians?	Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible.  Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.	Recognise that Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible.  Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people).  Recognise that Jesus gives instructions about how to behave	Give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter.	Think, talk and ask questions about whether the story of Easter has anything to say to them about sadness, hope or heaven, exploring different ideas.	

	During EYFS thematic units pur synagogue is a Jewish place of people that Jewish people show	oils were introduced to worship, they heard an	d discussed the Jewish	story of Hannukah and	considered ways that
World	Substantive Knowledge	Di Making sense of belief	isciplinary Knowled Understanding the impact	ge Making connections	Vocabulary
Year 1 Who is Jewish and how do they live?	Jews believe that G-d is one ad that it is important to love G-d  A mezuzah is a small, decorative case which Jewish households attach to the right doorframe of the entrance. It reminds Jews they have made a promise to G-d.  Shabbat is a Jewish celebration that commemorates the day G-d rested after creating the world.  The Shema is a prayer from the Jewish holy book that Jews read to declare their belief in G-d.	Recognise the words of the Shema as a Jewish prayer  Re-tell simply some stories used in Jewish celebrations (e.g. Chanukah or Sukkot)  Give examples of how the stories used in celebrations (e.g. Shabbat) remind Jews about what God is like.	Give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times (e.g. Shabbat, Sukkot, Chanukah)  Make links between Jewish ideas of God found in the stories and how people live  Give an example of how some Jewish people might remember God in different ways (e.g. mezuzah, on Shabbat).	Ask some questions about what Jewish people celebrate and why  Talk about what they think is good about reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering for Jewish people  Give a good reason for their ideas about whether any of these things are good for them too.	mezuzah, promise, covenant, Chanukah, Sukkot, Shabbat, Shema, prayer

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This is the first understanding Christianity unit relating to the concept of Gospel. Pupils have been introduced to how important God and Jesus are to Christians. They were taught that Christians believe that God created the universe and that the Earth and everything in it are important to God. Pupils were introduced to the Christmas and Easter story and the significance of these for Christians.

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Year 2 What is the good news Jesus brings?

	Di	sciplinary
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understa imp
Christians believe Jesus brings	Tell stories from the	Give at lea
good news for all people.	Bible and recognise a	examples of
	link with a concept of	which Chri
For Christians, this good news	'Gospel' or good	follow the
includes being loved by God,	news.	studied ab
and being forgiven for bad		forgivenes
things.	Give clear, simple	peace, and
	accounts of what	good news
Christians believe Jesus is a	Bible texts (such as	friendless.
friend to the poor and	the story of Matthew	

Christians believe Jesus' teachings make people think hard about how to live and show them the right way.

friendless.

accounts of what Bible texts (such as the story of Matthew the tax collector) mean to Christians. Recognise that Jesus gives instructions to people about

how to behave.

Making connections anding the pact Think, talk and ask ast two auestions about of ways in whether Jesus' istians 'good news' is only teachings good news for oout Christians, or if there ss and are things for anyone d bringing to learn, exploring s to the different ideas Give at least two examples of how

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Vocabulary

	Links to Prior Learning  This follows on from the Year 1 unit in which pupils were introduced to the core concepts of the 'Why does Christme matter to Christians?' They were taught that Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby Bethlehem. They learnt that the Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (for example, to the poor, in Luke). They learn the Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.					
Concept: Incarnation	Substantive Knowledge	Di Making sense of belief	sciplinary Knowled Understanding the impact	ge Making connections	Vocabulary	
Year 2 Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.  The Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (for example, to the poor, in Luke).  Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.	Recognise that Incarnation is part of the 'Big Story' of the Bible.  Tell the story of the birth of Jesus and recognise the link with Incarnation — Jesus is 'God on Earth'	Give at least two examples of ways in which Christians use the nativity story in churches and at home; for example, using nativity scenes and carols to celebrate Jesus' birth.	Think, talk and ask questions about the Christmas story and the lessons they might learn from it: for example, about being kind and generous.	Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Gospel, Baptism, Christians, worship, prayer, Advent	

	Di	isciplinary Knowled	ge	
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabular
Christians and Jews believe	Identify a story or	Give an example of	Think, talk and ask	
that God values everyone.	text that says	how people show	questions about	
	something about	that they care for	what difference	
Genesis 1 tells Christians and	each person being	others (e.g. by giving	believing in God	
Jews about the natural world.	unique and valuable	to charity), making a	makes to how	
Como religions believe that	Cive an example of a	link to one of the stories	people treat each other and the natural	
Some religions believe that serving others and supporting	Give an example of a key belief some	Stories	world	
the poor are important parts	people find in one of	Give examples of	World	
of being a religious believer	these stories (e.g.	how Christians and	Give good reasons	
or semigration group semever	that God loves all	Jews can show care	why everyone	
The Golden Rule is to treat	people)	for the natural earth	(religious and non-	
others as you would like to be			religious) should	
treated.	Give a clear, simple		care for others and	
	account of what	Say why Christians	look after the natural	
	Genesis 1 tells	and Jews might look	world.	
	Christians and Jews	after the natural	<b>T</b>	
	about the natural	world	Talk about what they	
	world.		have learned and	
			how their ideas have	

		Links	to Prior Learning		
	This follows on from the Y1 wo Christians? Pupils were taught rose again, giving people hope				
Concept:	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
Salvation	Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible.	Recognise that God, Incarnation, Gospel and Salvation are	Give at least three examples of how Christians	Think, talk and ask questions about whether the text has	
Year 2 Why does	Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even for putting him on the	part of the 'big story' of the Bible.	show their beliefs about Jesus as saviour in church	something to say to them (for example, about whether	
Easter matter to	cross.	Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter and	worship	forgiveness is important),	
Christians?	Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans.	make a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people).		exploring different ideas.	
	Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.				

#### **Links to Prior Learning**

During EYFS thematic units pupils were introduced to other world religions. In relation to Islam, pupils talked about how people are welcomed into the Muslim faith community e.g. the Aqiqah ceremony, whispering of adhan and cutting of hair. Pupils were introduced to places of worship and that a mosque is a place where Muslims go to worship. Pupils were introduced to some stories about leaders of founders in faith e.g. Prophet Muhammad and the night of power, Muhammad and the cats, Muhammad and the boy who threw stones at trees.

World Faiths:

Year 2 Who is Muslim and how do they live?

	Disciplinary Knowledge			
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
Muslims believe in Allah as the one true God.	Recognise the words of the Shahadah and that it is very	Give examples of how Muslims use the Shahadah to show	Think, talk about and ask questions about Muslim beliefs and	
Muslims believe it is impossible to capture fully what God is like,	important for Muslims	what matters to them	ways of living	
but they use 99 Names for God	Identify some of the	Give examples of how	Talk about what they	
to help them understand Allah better	key Muslim beliefs about God found in the Shahadah and the	Muslims use stories about the Prophet to quide their beliefs and	think is good for Muslims about prayer, respect, celebration	
The Shahadah says Muhammad	99 names, and give a	actions (e.g. care for	and self-control, giving	
is God's messenger	simple description of what some of them	creation, fast in Ramadan)	a good reason for their ideas	
When Muslims say aloud the	mean			
Shahadah they are considered to	Cive examples of how	Give examples of how	Give a good reason for their ideas about	
have officially converted to Islam.	Give examples of how stories about the	Muslims put their beliefs about prayer	whether prayer,	
Muslims pray regularly and try to pray five times a day.	Prophet show what Muslims believe about Muhammad.	into action.	respect, celebration and self-control have something to say to them too.	

#### **Links to Prior Learning**

This unit follows on from the Y1 unit on Creation in which pupils were taught that Christians believe that God created the universe and that the Earth and everything in it are important to God. They were taught that Christians believe that God has a unique relationship with human beings as their Creator and Sustainer and that humans should care for the world because it belongs to God.

Concept: Creation / Fall

Year 3 What do Christians learn from the creation story?

		D	isciplinary Knowled	ge	
	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
	God the Creator cares for the creation, including human	Place the concepts of God and Creation	Describe what Christians do	Ask questions and suggest answers	God, Jesus, Humans, special create,
	beings.	on a timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'.	because they believe God is Creator. (For	about what might be important in the	creation, creator and creative, Harvest
	As human beings are part of God's good creation, they do	Make clear links	example, follow God, wonder at how	creation story for Christians living	festival, sharing, church service,
5	best when they listen to God.	between Genesis 1 and what Christians	amazing God's creation is; care for	today, and for people who are not	church Bible, worship, universe
	The Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him – he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live (such as the Ten Commandments), and offers forgiveness even when they	believe about God and Creation.	the earth in some specific ways.)	Christians.	Jewish Christian, Nature, The Bible, Genesis, temptation, punishment, disobedient, blame, belief, commandments, rules, reconciliation,
	keep on falling short.				penance, forgiveness, sin

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This is the unit within the core concept People of God. Pupils have been introduced to the Old Testament Creation story within Genesis and have been explored how important God is to Christians.

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Year 3 What is it like to follow God?

	Disciplinary Knowledge			
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the children of Israel known as the People of God—and their relationship with God.	Make clear links between the story of Noah and the idea of covenant.	Make simple links between promises in the story of Noah and promises that Christians make at a wedding ceremony.	Make links between the story of Noah and how we live in school and the wider world.	Noah, Old Testament, Israel, commands, worship, ark, covenant
The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him.				
They believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises.				

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This unit makes connections with the EYFS unit 'Being special: where do we belong?' in which pupils were introduced to the idea that religions teach that each person is unique and valuable. Pupils were taught that many religions have special ceremonies to welcome people into their faith community.

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Year 3
What are the deeper meanings of festivals?

	Disciplinary Knowledge			
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
Religions have festivals for believers to deepen their faith.	Identify the main beliefs at the heart of religious festivals (i.e. at least one	Make connections between stories, teachings, symbols and	Raise questions and suggest answers about what is worth celebrating	
Festivals are based on symbols, actions, stories and rituals.	festival in at least two religions	beliefs and how believers celebrate these festivals	and remembering in religious communities and in their own lives.	
Each festival has a different purpose or meaning for believers such as forgiveness, good overcoming evil or social action.	Make clear links between these beliefs and the stories recalled at the festivals	Describe how believers celebrate festivals in different ways (e.g. between celebrations at	Make links between the beliefs and practices studied and the role of festivals	
Festivals help believers to feel part of their community, feel belonging and follow tradition.		home and in community; and/or a variety of ways of celebrating within a religious tradition).	in the life of Britain today, showing their understanding of the values and beliefs at the	
Festivals in different religions sometimes share themes such as forgiveness (e.g. Day of Atonement in Judaism and Easter Sunday in			heart of each festival studied, giving good reasons for their ideas	
Christianity)			Talk about what they have learned, how and why their thinking has changed.	

	Links to Prior Learning					
This follows on from the Y2 unit, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'. Pupils learnt that Christians Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. They were taught that The Bible points out that showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came news (for example, to the poor, in Luke). Pupils learnt that Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians ready for Jesus' coming.						
Concept: Incarnation	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Disciplinary Knowled Understanding the impact	ige Making connections	Vocabulary	
Year 3 What is the Trinity?	Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  Christians believe The Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers.  Christians find that understanding God is challenging; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God.  Christians really want to try to understand God better and so try to describe God using symbols, similes and metaphors, in song, story, poems and art.  Christians worship God as Trinity. It is a huge idea to grasp and Christians have created art to help to express this belief.  Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.	Identify the difference between a 'Gospel', which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus, and a letter.  Offer suggestions about what texts about baptism and Trinity might mean.  Give examples of what these texts mean to some Christians today	Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship (in baptism and prayer, for example) and in the way they live.	Make links between some Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity, expressing clearly some ideas of their own about what the God of Christianity is like.		

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During EYFS thematic units pupils were introduced to other world religions. In relation to Hinduism, they considered ways Hindus show people are special e.g celebrating Raksha Bandhan. They were introduced to places of worship and were taught that a Hindu place of worship is a Mandir (temple). They heard stories from Hindu culture including the stories about Krishna.

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Year 3
What
does it
mean to
be a
Hindu in
Britain
today?

Disciplinary Knowledge					
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary	
Vishnu, Shiva and Brahma are the major gods and Lakshmi, Parvati and Saraswati are the major goddesses in Hinduism.	Identify some Hindu deities and describe Hindu beliefs about God (e.g.Brahman, trimurti) Offer informed	Describe how Hindus show their faith within their families in Britain today (e.g. home puja)	Make links between the Hindu idea of everyone having a 'spark' of God in them and ideas about the value of people in the world today, giving good		
Many Hindus believe that Brahma is the Creator, Vishnu is the preserver and Shiva or Maheshwar is destroyer.	suggestions about what Hindu murtis express about God  Make links between Hindu beliefs and the	Describe how Hindus show their faith within their faith communities in Britain today (e.g. arti and bhajans at the	reasons for their ideas  Consider and weigh up the value of taking part in family and community rituals in Hindu		
Some Hindus believe that all living beings possess a 'spark' of Brahman, the Ultimate Reality. This 'spark' is known as 'atman' and means that all living beings are sacred and special.	aims of life (e.g. karma)	mandir; Diwali), indicating some differences in how Hindus show their faith.	communities and express insights on whether it is a good thing for everyone, giving good reasons for their ideas and talking about whether their learning has changed their thinking.		

		Links	to Prior Learning		
	This follows on from the Y2 unit, 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'. Pupils were taught that Christians believe Jesu brings good news for all people. For Christians, this good news includes being loved by God, and being forgiven for ba things. Pupils learnt that Christians believe Jesus is a friend to the poor and friendless and that Christians believe Jesus teachings make people think hard about how to live and show them the right way.				
		D	isciplinary Knowled	ge	
	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
Concept: Gospel  Year 4 What kind of world does Jesus want?	Christians believe Jesus challenges everyone about how to live — he sets the example for loving God and your neighbour, putting others first.  Jesus shows love and forgiveness to unlikely people.  Christians try to be like Jesus — they want to know him better and better.  Christians try to put his teaching and example into practice in lots of ways, from church worship to social justice.	Identify this as part of a 'Gospel', which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus.  Make clear links between the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus and be 'fishers of people'.  Offer suggestions about what Jesus' actions towards the leper might mean for a Christian.	Make simple links between Bible texts and the concept of 'Gospel' (good news).  Give examples of how Christians try to show love to all, including how Members of the clergy follow Jesus' teaching.	Make links between the Bible stories studied and the importance of love, and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly.	

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This continues the work that commenced in Year 3 in which pupils were introduced to the core concepts within the 'What is Trinity?' unit. Pupils learnt that Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that they believe The Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers. Pupils were taught that Christians find that understanding God is challenging; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God. Pupils learnt that Christians worship God as Trinity and they believe the Holy Spirit is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.

Concept: Incarnation

Year 4 What is the Trinity?

	Disciplinary Knowledge			
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary
Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.	Identify John 1 as part of the 'Gospel', noting some differences	Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the	Make links between some of the texts and teachings about God	
Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers.	between John and the other Gospels.  Offer suggestions for what texts about God	Trinity in the way they live.	in the Bible and what people believe about God in the world today, expressing some ideas of their	
Jesus, the Son of God, is seen by Christians as revealing what God the Father is like.	might mean.  Give examples of what the texts studied		own clearly.	
Understanding God is challenging; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God.	mean to some Christians			
Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.				

## **Links to Prior Learning**

This links to the Y1 unit, 'What makes some places sacred to believers?'. Pupils learnt that there are special places where people go to worship, and they explored what people do there. They were introduced to what makes some places special to people, and what the difference is between religious and non-religious special places.

Comparing beliefs and practices

Year 4
How and why
do believers
show their
commitments
during the
journey of
life?

	Disciplinary Knowledge			Disciplinary Knowledge		
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of	Understanding the	Making	Vocabulary		
	belief	impact	connections	•		
Believers in many religions see life as a journey.  Many religions have ceremonies marking the journey through life such as baptism (Christianity), Bat / Bar Mitzvah (Judaism) and sacred thread ceremony (Judaism)  Non-religious people such as Humanists also mark special events through their lives.  Different religions have different ways of celebrating commitments such as marriage through ceremonies and traditions.  Love, commitment and promises	_	impact  Describe what happens in ceremonies of commitment (e.g. baptism, sacred thread, marriage) and say what these rituals mean  Make simple links between beliefs about love and commitment and how people in at least two religious traditions live (e.g. through celebrating forgiveness, salvation and freedom at festivals)  Identify some differences in how				
are important in all communities in the world.		people celebrate commitment (e.g. different practices of marriage, or Christian				
		baptism).				

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This follows on from the Y2 unit, 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' Pupils learnt that Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible and that Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even for putting him on the cross. Pupils learnt that Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans and they believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.

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Year 4
Why do
Christians
call the
day Jesus
died
Good
Friday?

Christians see Holy Week as the
culmination of Jesus' earthly life,
leading to his death and
resurrection.

Substantive Knowledge

The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do.

Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today.

Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection

belief	
Order Creation and Fall, Incarnation, Gospel and Salvation within a timeline of the Bible's 'big story'.	on

Making sense of

Offer suggestions for what the texts about the entry into Jerusalem, and the death and resurrection of Jesus might mean.

Give examples of what the texts studied mean to some Christians. Understanding the impact

Make simple links between the Gospel texts and how Christians mark the Easter events in their church communities.

Disciplinary Knowledge

Describe how Christians show their beliefs about Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in worship. Make links between some of the stories and teachings in the Bible and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly.

Making connections

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During EYFS thematic units pupils were introduced to other world religions. Pupils have been introduced to the temple being a place where Sikhs worship. They have heard a selection of stories from the Sikh faith including the story of Rama and Sita.

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Year 4 What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?

	Disciplinary Know				
Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	M		
Sikhs believe in one God who	Identify some of the	Make simple links	Ra		
guides and protects them.	core beliefs of	between the life of at	ab		
	Sikhism, e.g. one	least one of the	to		
They believe everyone is	God, the message of	Gurus and some	eq		
equal before God.	Guru Nanak, equality	actions Sikhs take	ho		
	and service	today (e.g. Guru	sa		
Sikhs believe that your actions		Nanak and the	ma		

are important and you should

Guru Nanak is considered to

The Mool Mantar is the first

hymn composed by Guru

be the first Sikh Guru.

lead a good life.

Nanak

Make clear links between the Mool Mantar and Sikh beliefs and actions

Offer informed suggestions about what some of the teachings of the Gurus mean to Sikhs today.

impact Make simple links between the life of at least one of the Gurus and some actions Sikhs take today (e.g. Guru Nanak and the langar; Guru Gobind Singh and the Khalsa)

Give some examples that demonstrate that remembering God, working hard and serving others are important to Sikhs today.

Raise questions about what matters to Sikhs (e.a. equality, service, honest work), and say why they still matter today Make links between key Sikh values and life in the world today, identifying which values would

Vocabulary

Making connections

difference in pupils' own lives and in the

make most

world today

	Links to Prior Learning  This follows on from the Y4 unit, 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' Pupils learnt that Christians believe Jesus of everyone about how to live — he sets the example for loving God and your neighbour, putting others first. They we that Christians believe Jesus shows love and forgiveness to unlikely people and that Christians try to be like Jesus want to know him better and better. They learnt that Christians try to put his teaching and example into practice ways, from church worship to social justice.						
Concept:	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	isciplinary Knowled Understanding the impact	ge Making connections	Vocabulary		
Year 5 What would Jesus do?	The good news is not just about setting an example for good behaviour and challenging bad behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way to heal the damage done by human sin.  Christians see that Jesus' teachings and example cut across expectations — the Sermon on the Mount is an example of this, where Jesus' values favour serving the weak and vulnerable, not making people comfortable.  Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways, within their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community	Identify features of Gospel texts (for example, teachings, parable, narrative).  Taking account of the context, suggest meanings of Gospel texts studied, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret biblical texts, showing awareness of different interpretations.	Make clear connections between Gospel texts, Jesus' 'good news', and how Christians live in the Christian community and in their individual lives.	Relate biblical ideas, teachings or beliefs (for example, about peace, forgiveness, healing) to the issues, problems and opportunities of their own lives and the life of their own			

	Links to Prior Learning						
	This follows on from the lower Key Stage Two unit, 'What is Trinity?' In Year Four, pupils learnt that Christians believe Go is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They were taught that Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son wh saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers. They learnt that Christians believe that Jesus, the Son God, is seen by Christians as revealing what God the Father is like and that they believe the Holy Spirit is God's power a work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.						
Concept: Incarnation	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	isciplinary Knowled Understanding the impact	ge Making connections	Vocabulary		
Year 5 Was Jesus the Messiah?	Jesus was Jewish.  Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh.  They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.  The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like.  Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah.)  Christians see Jesus as their Saviour (See Salvation).	Explain the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible.  Identify Gospel and prophecy texts, using technical terms.  Explain connections between biblical texts, Incarnation and Messiah, using theological terms.	Show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' Incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas.  Comment on how the idea that Jesus is the Messiah makes sense in the wider story of the Bible.	Weigh up how far the idea that Jesus is the Messiah — a Saviour from God — is important in the world today and, if it is true, what difference that might make in people's lives.			

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	How and why do believers show their commitments during the journey of life? They learnt some beliefs about love, commitment and promises in two religious traditions and described what they meant.								
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Comparing beliefs and practices  Year 5 Why is pilgrimage important to some	A pilgrimage is a sacred journey undertaken for spiritual purposes.  Many religions have holy or sacred places where their followers may visit.  Pilgrimages may have special places to visit and rituals to perform.	Identify some of the beliefs that lie behind places and times of pilgrimage in at least two religions (e.g. ummah in Islam; Mary in Roman Catholicism)  Explain ways in which stories that lie behind sites of pilgrimage connect with beliefs (e.g. Shiva and the Ganges; Israel as G-	Explain the spiritual significance and impact of pilgrimage on pilgrims in at least two religions  Compare the similarities and differences between ways in which people undertake pilgrimage and how they affect the way they live.	Evaluate and explain the importance of pilgrimage in the world today, giving good reasons for their views  Reflect on and articulate lessons that people might gain from the idea and practice of pilgrimage, including their own responses					
religious believers?		d's Chosen or Favoured people in Judaism)		Consider and weigh up the value of e.g. reflection, repentance and remembrance, in the world today, including in their own lives  Talk about how and why their thinking has developed through this unit.					

	Links to Prior Learning							
	This follows on from the Y4 unit, 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday/' Pupils were taught that Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection. They were introduced to the various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper and how important these events are to Christians in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do.							
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Concept:	Substantive Knowledge	Making sense of belief	Understanding the impact	Making connections	Vocabulary			
Year 5 What did Jesus do to save human beings?	Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God.  The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.  The New Testament says that Jesus' death was somehow 'for us'. Christians interpret this in a variety of ways: for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as a victory over sin, death and the devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God; leading from darkness to light.  Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through the service of Holy Communion (also called the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the Mass).  Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs to the needs of others, and some are prepared to die for others and for their faith	Outline the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible, explaining how Incarnation and Salvation fit within it.  Explain what Christians mean when they say that Jesus' death was a sacrifice, using theological terms.  Suggest meanings for narratives of Jesus' death/resurrection, comparing their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret these texts	Make clear connections between the Christian belief in Jesus' death as a sacrifice and how Christians celebrate Holy Communion /Lord's Supper.  Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice.	Weigh up the value and impact of ideas of sacrifice in their own lives and the world today				

	Links to Prior Learning  This follows on from the Y2 unit, 'Who is Muslim and what do they believe?'. Pupils were introduced to the Shahadah and how important it is for Muslims. They identified some of the key Muslim beliefs about God found in the Shahadah and the 99 names.							
	They were introduced to example:	Di	isciplinary Knowled	ge				
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World Faiths  Year 5 What does it mean for Muslims to follow God?	There are different Muslim groups: the largest (globally and locally) are Sunni; the next major group are called Shi'a; some Muslims are Sufi.  The five pillars of Islam are declaring your faith in God, prayer, charity, fasting during Ramadan and going on pilgrimage to Mecca (also known as Makkah).  The Qur'an is the Muslim holy book and Muslims believe it is the final revealed word of God and was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by the Angel Jibril	Identify and explain Muslim beliefs about God, the Prophet and the Holy Qur'an (e.g. tawhid; Muhammad as the Messenger, Qur'an as the message)  Describe and explain ways in which Muslim sources of authority guide Muslim living (e.g. Qur'an guidance on five pillars; hajj practices follow example of the Prophet).	Make clear connections between Muslim beliefs and worship (e.g. Five Pillars, mosques, art)  Give evidence and examples to show how Muslims put their beliefs into practice in different ways.	Make connections between Muslim beliefs studied and Muslim ways of living in Britain/Yorkshire today.  Consider and weigh up the value of e.g. submission, obedience, generosity, self-control and worship in the lives of Muslims today and articulate responses on how far they are valuable to people who are not Muslims  Reflect on and talk about what and how they have learned, and how and why their thinking has changed.				

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This follows on from the Year 3 unit, 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' Pupils were taught that Christians believe that God the Creator cares for the creation, including human beings and that as human beings are part of God's good creation, they do best when they listen to God. They were taught that Christians believe that the Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him - he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live (such as the Ten Commandments), and offers forgiveness even when they keep on falling short.

Concept: Creation / Fall

Year 6
Creation and science, confliction or complimentary?

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There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts.  These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts: for example, does reading Genesis as a poetic account conflict with scientific accounts?  There are many scientists through history and now who are Christians.  The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and	Outline the importance of Creation on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible.  Identify what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is, and its purpose.  Taking account of the context, suggest what Genesis 1 might mean, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different	Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator.  Show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together.	Identify key ideas arising from their study of Genesis 1 and comment on how far these are helpful or inspiring, justifying their responses.  Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account.	

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Concept: Kingdom of God Year 6 What kind of king is Jesus?	Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God's rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who live in obedience to God.  The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so.  Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social	Explain connections between biblical texts and the concept of the Kingdom of God.  Consider different possible meanings for the biblical texts studied, showing awareness of different interpretations.	Make clear connections between belief in the Kingdom of God and how Christians put their beliefs into practice in different ways, including in worship and in service to the community.	Relate Christian teachings or beliefs about God's Kingdom to the issues, problems and opportunities of their own lives and the life of their own community in the world today, offering insights about whether or not the world could or should learn from Christian ideas.	

	Links to Prior Learning								
		This unit builds upon prior learning throughout the Key Stage in which pupils have explored everyone (religious and non-religious) should care for others and look after the natural world.							
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Comparing beliefs and practices  Year 6 What will make our city a more respectful place to live?	The number of people who consider themselves as religious has fallen in recent years.  The number and type of places of worship has changed a lot over time because of a change in the demographic of different communities.  The beliefs that people have can influence their lives and the impact they can have on society and making their communities better places.  Many people of faith work with those who have different beliefs to support diversity and 'interfaith' in our communities.	Identify the religions and beliefs represented locally and regionally, and explain some of their key beliefs  Describe examples of how different communities deal with diversity and interfaith issues.	Make clear connections between what different people believe and the way they live (e.g. involvement in community, in interfaith projects etc.)  Explain how and why people respond differently to diversity and interfaith issues (e.g. inclusivism, exclusivism etc).	Make connections between religious and non-religious beliefs and practices related to living with difference in community  Reflect on and articulate lessons people might gain from the experience of living in communities of diverse beliefs and practices, including their own responses  Talk about how and why people think differently about diversity and interfaith, giving good reasons for their own views  Consider and weigh up the ways in which the ideas studied relate to their own experiences and views of the world today.					

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Concept: Salvation  Year 6 What does the resurrection mean to Christians?	Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God.  The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.  Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end.  This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (heaven).	Delief  Outline the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible, explaining the place within it of the ideas of Incarnation and Salvation.  Suggest meanings for resurrection accounts, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret these texts, showing awareness of the centrality of the Christian belief in Resurrection.  Explain connections between Luke 24 and the Christian concepts of Sacrifice, Resurrection, Salvation, Incarnation and Hope, using theological terms.	Impact  Make clear connections between Christian belief in the resurrection and how Christians worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.  Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in different ways.	Explain why some people find belief in the Resurrection makes sense and inspires them.  Offer and justify their own responses as to what difference belief in Resurrection might make to how people respond to challenges and problems in the world today.	

	Links to Prior Learning  This links to the Y1 unit on Judaism in which pupils learnt about Jewish celebrations (e.g. Chanukah or Sukkot) links to work undertaken within some of the thematic units.				
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World Faiths  Year 6 What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?	The Torah is the first part of the Jewish bible. It is the central and most important document of Judaism and has been used by Jews through the ages.  Jews believe that the Torah shows how God wants Jews to live. It contains 613 commandments and Jews refer to the ten best known of these as the ten 10 statements.  According to Jewish law, the three basic elements of keeping kosher are:  • Avoiding any non-kosher animals (fish that don't have fins and scales, land animals that do not both chew their cud and have cleft hooves, most birds);  • Avoiding eating meat and dairy together;  • Only eating meat that was slaughtered in a certain way.	Identify and explain Jewish beliefs about God  Give examples of some texts that say what God is like and explain how Jewish people interpret them.	Make clear connections between Jewish beliefs about the Torah and how they use it  Make clear connections between Jewish commandments and how Jews live (e.g. in relation to kosher laws)  Give evidence and examples to show how Jewish people put their beliefs into practice in different ways (e.g. some differences between Orthodox and Progressive Jewish practice)	Make connections between Jewish beliefs studied and explain how and why they are important to Jewish people today  Consider and weigh up the value of e.g. tradition, ritual, community, study and worship in the lives of Jews today, and articulate responses on how far these ideas are valuable to people who are not Jewish  Talk about how ideas of tradition, ritual, community and study relate to their own lives, giving good reasons for their views and explaining how their thinking has developed during the unit.	