



RE Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Intent

Religious Education here at Waterloo aims to enhance our children's understanding and articulate their own religious and non-religious worldviews through a broad, balanced and inclusive syllabus.

RE prepares them to comprehend that not everyone feels the same as them, that others believe differently to them - in particular in what ways and why. This then helps learners to understand, empathise or identify with other people, hopefully resulting in a more peaceful and cohesive society.

Engaging and stimulating lessons offer time and space, allowing children to reflect on their own thoughts and provide opportunities to raise questions. It encourages them to think about their own experiences, how they respond to others and the world around them.

Substantive Knowledge

The beliefs and practices of religions and others world views	Address questions of meaning, purpose and value	How other religions and worldviews influence morality, identity and diversity
• Beliefs and authority: Core beliefs and concepts; sources of authority including written traditions and leaders • Worship and spirituality: how individuals and communities express belief, commitment and emotion	• The nature of religion and belief and its key concepts • Ultimate questions of belonging, meaning, purpose of truth	• Moral decisions: teachings of religions and other world views on moral and ethical questions; evaluation, reflection and critical responses • Identity and Diversity: diversity

		among and within religions and other world views; individual and community responses to difference and shared human values.
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RE Skills Progression

Early years	Christianity Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. Talk about why some places and artefacts are special to Christians Talk about the creation story from The Bible Talk about celebrations and what happens at Harvest Festival Talk about how Christians and others celebrate Christmas	Islam Talk about why some places and artefacts are special to Muslims Recognise how Muslims believe the world was created and why they care for the world Talk about celebrations which include special meals and family celebrations Recognise what happens during Eid	Judaism Talk about why some places and artefacts are special to Jews Recognise the differences and similarities between Islam and Judeo - Christian creation stories Begin to understand that shabbat is a day of rest Talk about how Jewish people celebrate Rosh Hashanah in home and in the synagogue	Hinduism Talk about why some places and artefacts are special to Hindus Begin to recognise the Trimurti in relation to the Hindu creation story Talk about and experience celebrations which include light, music and dancing Listen carefully to the story of Rama and Sita and understand that Hindus celebrate the happy end to the story Talk about how the story of Rama and Sita teaches about caring	Sikhism Talk about why some places and artefacts are special to Jews Look at some objects on the puja tray and say what they are used for Talk about how Sikhs celebrate the good example of Guru Hargobind in caring for others Begin to compare how different religions share similar beliefs	Buddhism Notice that Buddhists think it is important to care for all living things Talk about how a Buddhist family might celebrate Wesak Listen to stories about Siddhartha Gautama
Year 1	Which books and stories are important? Talk about books which are special to religious believers. Notice how some books are special to religious	Why are festivals important in our community? Name some celebrations and talk about how these are celebrated Talk about their experiences and feelings	What does it mean to belong to a community of belief? Talk about places of worship and the objects and symbols they might see. Notice what happens in	How and why do we care for others? Recall and talk about some religious stories Respond to questions about stories Respond with ideas about	What stories from the Bible have been retold over many years? Recall and name some of the early figures in the Old Testament, retelling stories and talking about	

	believers, and talk about how they are treated Talk about some religious stories Respond to questions about the meanings of stories	connected to celebrations or customs Notice what happens and respond to questions about the meanings of religious celebrations	special places or on special occasions and respond to questions about this	how to care for others	figures such as Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Retell, respond to questions and suggest meanings for stories about the birth of Jesus. Talk about how Christians believe Jesus is special and call him the 'Son of God'.	
Year 2	How is new life welcomed? Find out and talk about different ways of welcoming new life; name some artefacts Recognise similarities and differences in welcoming ceremonies for new babies Respond sensitively to the feelings and beliefs of Christians and Muslims Ask and respond to questions about belonging	How can we make good choices? Retell stories about religious and non-religious rules, suggesting some meanings Find out about and give examples of different religious rules Begin to express ideas about what makes a good rule and why these are important in helping people to live together cooperatively	How and why do people pray? Find out how Christians and Muslims pray and name some artefacts relating to prayer Recognise similarities and differences between how Christians and Muslims pray Ask questions and respond to questions about prayer Begin to express their own ideas about the meaning of prayer	How can we look after the planet? Ask and respond to questions about the world and creation. Recognise and retell religious and non-religious stories and beliefs about creation and suggest some meanings. Begin to express ideas and opinions about how to care for the planet.	What did Jesus teach and how did he live? Retell and suggest meanings of some of Jesus' parables Express ideas and respond to questions about stories from the life and teachings of Jesus. Express ideas and opinions about how beliefs affect how Christians live their lives Name and retell key events in the final days of Jesus' ministry	
Year 3	How do Jews remember the covenant with Abraham and Moses? Re-tell some Jewish stories and consider their importance.	What is spirituality and how do people experience this? Observe and respond thoughtfully to the ways beliefs and spirituality are expressed through various	What do Christians believe about a good life? Re-tell some well-known parables and teachings of Jesus and consider their meaning Observe and consider	What do creation stories tell us? Re-tell a range of creation stories, making links between them. Express ideas about creation and suggest	Additional unit: Who can inspire us? Describe and make links between different leaders (religious and non-religious),	

	Discover how Jews express their faith through rituals and actions. Express ideas about the rituals and practices which demonstrate belonging to a community	art forms Express their beliefs and values through creating a piece of expressive art	how the Bible influences Christians in the way they live Respond thoughtfully and express ideas about right and wrong	meanings for the stories Express different views and ideas about helping to look after the world around them	exploring similarities and differences. Explain how leaders teach through their personal qualities, actions and stories. Give examples of the ways in which communities follow their leaders	
Year 4	How are important events remembered? Describe the different festivals, making links between them Explain and give reasons for the celebration of each festival Express ideas and opinions about what light represents	What faiths are shared in our country? Explore and describe ways beliefs and values are expressed in different religions through symbols and actions Give examples of ways in which people show they belong Explain why belonging to a community may be valuable but also challenging	How do the Five Pillars guide Muslims? Describe and explain key teachings of Islam and the different ways these are interpreted by believers; Describe and show understanding of how Muslim beliefs impact in a variety of ways on the life and decisions of believers; Explain how the pilgrimage of Hajj can affect a Muslims life.	Why are Gurus at the heart of Sikh belief and practice? Give examples of Sikh beliefs and stories about their Gurus Describe and show understanding of Sikh practices relating to the Guru Granth Sahib Explain and give reasons for Sikh values e.g. equality, honesty		

Year 5	Why are some journeys and places special? Identify and explain features of some special places and journeys Suggest reasons why special places and journeys inspire people Investigate places of pilgrimage and reflect on the challenges involved in the journey	What values are shown in codes for living? Investigate and make connections between morals and values found in religious teachings and everyday life. Identify and explain similarities and differences between Humanist, Muslim, Jewish and Christian values Apply ideas about values and how people choose to live their lives. Discuss and give examples of right and wrong, love, forgiveness, truth, consequences and honesty	Should we forgive others? Identify and show understanding of some reasons why it is hard to 'make up' or apologise in a conflict. Explain and apply their own ideas about Jesus' teaching about forgiveness and reconciliation. Suggest reasons for the importance of forgiveness and confession in Christian communities. Discuss and give examples of how some modern individuals have faced the challenge of forgiveness.	What do Christians believe about new and old covenants? Reflect on how Christianity is one of the Abrahamic faiths along with Judaism and Islam, considering, comparing and contrasting aspects of these world faiths Explore the narratives about Moses, the Ten Commandments, the Kingdom (including David) and Jesus, making connections between stories and the idea of a covenant between God and the people. Reflect on and find meanings in different titles used by and of Jesus		
Year 6	How do Sikhs show commitment? Summarise some features of Sikh practice Using a developing religious vocabulary, explain and give reasons for some Sikh beliefs and symbols considering the meanings behind them Discuss and apply ideas about Sikh practices and beliefs, recognising the challenges and value of belonging to the Sikh community	What do Christians believe about Jesus' death and resurrection? Explore and summarise how Christians understand the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection, considering narratives from the Gospels Express understanding and ask questions about how Jesus' death is seen as a sacrifice, as a way of forgiveness and salvation. Show understanding of these terms and weigh up what they mean for	How does growing up bring responsibilities? Describe and understand the rights and responsibilities that come with growing up Explore and describe rites of passage, comparing a range of religious and secular approaches, responding with insights about the importance of these ceremonies Reflect on and explain their own beliefs, principles and values	How do Jews remember the Kings and Prophets in worship and in life? Describe and express ideas about festivals and how and why they are commemorated. Give a considered response to how Jewish people follow the commandments set out in the Torah Summarise key beliefs for Jews including Shema and Tikkun Olam and describe how these		

		Christians today Explain how festivals and seasons are celebrated, including Ascension and Pentecost		affect lives today.		
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