



# R.E. Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Reception</b>	<p><b>Theme: Special People</b></p> <p>Key Question: What makes people special?</p> <p>Religions: Christianity, Judaism</p>	<p><b>Theme: Christmas</b></p> <p>Key Question: What is Christmas?</p> <p>Religions: Christianity</p>	<p><b>Theme: Celebrations</b></p> <p>Key Question: How do people celebrate?</p> <p>Religions: Islam, Judaism</p>	<p><b>Theme: Easter</b></p> <p>Key Question: What is Easter?</p> <p>Religions: Christianity</p>	<p><b>Theme: Story Time</b></p> <p>Key Question: What can we learn from stories?</p> <p>Religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism</p>	<p><b>Theme: Special Places</b></p> <p>Key Question: What makes places special?</p> <p>Religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism</p>
<b>Year 1</b>	<p><b><u>Sanatana Dharma – The Hindu Religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How and why do Hindus celebrate Divali?</i></p> <p>What is my favourite part of Divali? OR What is my favourite part of my religious festivals?</p> <p><b>WALT understand the meaning of the story of Rama and Sita. WALT know how Hindus celebrate the festival in different ways.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What is the story of the Nativity?</i></p> <p>How can I look after guests in my house? How would I feel if I had nowhere to sleep?</p> <p><b>WALT know the main events of the story of the Nativity and what it teaches us about how to treat people.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Sanatana Dharma – The Hindu Religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How do Hindus celebrate important life events?</i></p> <p>How do my family celebrate the birth of a baby? Do my parents or other relatives have pictures of their weddings? How were these celebrations special for them?</p> <p><b>WALT know the significance of the</b></p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How is Easter related to Spring?</i></p> <p>How do I feel when winter ends and Spring starts? Does my religion have a spring festival?</p> <p><b>WALT know the different ways Christians celebrate Easter and to recognise that the symbols of</b></p>	<p><b><u>Judaism</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Why do Jewish people have Shabbat?</i></p> <p>Do I have a special day of the week in my religion? How is it different to the rest of the week?</p> <p><b>WALT know how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat and to recognise the different artefacts used during the day.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Comparison Topic</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is it important to have a day of rest?</i></p> <p>Christianity / Islam / Hinduism</p> <p>What would I enjoy about a day of rest? How would I choose to spend my “day of rest”?</p> <p><b>WALT recognise the similarities and differences between</b></p>

			Hindu ceremonies to celebrate births, coming of age and weddings.	Easter are also symbols of spring.		days of rest for different religions.
<b>Year 2</b>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?</i></p> <p>What can I learn from stories of religious traditions?</p> <p>Do I have stories about kindness in my religion?</p> <p><b>WALT re-tell Bible stories that show kindness, and to explore how this makes Christians behave towards other people.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?</i></p> <p>Do I know how to live a good life? Are people who believe in God kind to other people?</p> <p><b>WALT understand that Jesus was a gift to Christians to help them know how to live a good life.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Judaism</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How important is food in Jewish festivals?</i></p> <p>What food do I eat on my festivals? Does the food remind me of anything?</p> <p><b>WALT understand how different food helps Jewish people remember the meaning of the different festivals.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Why and how do Christians have Lent?</i></p> <p>What would I give up for Lent? How could I have a fresh start?</p> <p><b>WALT understand that Lent is a time for Christians to think about their lives and to prepare for a fresh start.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Islam</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Does prayer help Muslims in their daily life?</i></p> <p>Do I pray and how does it help me? Does it feel special to belong to a community?</p> <p><b>WALT explain what commitment means to us and to Muslims by knowing that Muslims pray 5 times a day.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Comparison Topic</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How do different religions pray?</i></p> <p>Do I pray and how does it help me? Does it feel special to belong to a community?</p> <p><b>WALT explore the similarities and differences in how different religions pray. (Hinduism, Christianity, Islam)</b></p>
<b>Year 3</b>	<p><b><u>Sanatana Dharma – The Hindu Religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What are Hindu values?</i></p> <p>Do I learn similar values in my religion? How are Hindu values similar to the Whitchurch values?</p> <p><b>WALT explore Hindu stories and examine how these are used as</b></p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Has Christmas lost its true meaning?</i></p> <p>- How do I celebrate Christmas?  - Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life?</p> <p><b>WALT investigate how people celebrate</b></p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is it important to believe in miracles?</i></p> <p>How would I feel if I witnessed a miracle?</p> <p>Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion?</p> <p>Is religion the most important influence and</p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What were the key events of Easter week?</i></p> <p>How might it have felt to see Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? Who do I admire that I would line the streets and cheer for him/her?</p> <p><b>WALT recall key events in the Easter story and</b></p>	<p><b><u>Sanatana Dharma – The Hindu Religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What are the daily and annual events in the Hindu calendar?</i></p> <p>How are prayer rituals similar to and different from other religions?  What do the festivals commemorate and how is this similar to other religions?</p>	<p><b><u>Comparison Topic</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How does a pilgrimage influence your connection to God?</i></p> <p>When do I feel connected to God?</p> <p><b>We will learn about Hindu, Christian and Muslim pilgrimages and how this might help people to feel closer to God.</b></p>

	guidance for how to live a good life.	Christmas and explore the religious and secular elements.	inspiration in everyone's life?  <b>WALT</b> know some of the miracles Jesus performed and how people reacted to him in biblical times.	to understand that the crucifix symbolises Jesus' sacrifice and love for all Christians.	We will learn about daily prayer, festivals, temples, famous leaders and sources of inspiration.	
<b>Year 4</b>	<p><b><u>Judaism &amp; Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What can we learn from the stories of the Old Testament?</i></p> <p>Is it my job to look after the world? (The story of Noah). Were Abraham and Sarah good role models? Who are my role models?</p> <p><b>WALT</b> recognise important people in the Old Testament and what we can learn from them.</p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?</i></p> <p>Which part of the Nativity story do I find most compelling? What can I learn from the nativity story?</p> <p><b>WALT</b> describe the symbolism in the Christmas story and explain what the different parts mean to Christians today.</p>	<p><b><u>Judaism</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Why is Passover so important for Jewish people?</i></p> <p>Which of my festivals is most important to me?</p> <p><b>WALT</b> draw conclusions about how celebrating Passover helps Jewish people to feel connected to their religion.</p> <p>I can recall a defining moment when God saved Jewish people from slavery and chose them to receive his laws.</p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is forgiveness always possible?</i></p> <p>When do I ask for forgiveness? Is it always possible for me to forgive other people?</p> <p><b>WALT</b> discuss what Jesus teaches us about forgiveness.</p> <p>I can make reference to the Prodigal son and the Easter story.</p>	<p><b><u>Buddha Dhamma – The Buddhist Religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What does it mean to be a Buddhist?</i></p> <p>How is Buddhism similar to my religion?</p> <p>Are any of the Buddhist teachings relevant to how I live my life?</p> <p><b>WALT</b> to explain the main teachings of Buddhism including the 4 noble truths and the 8-fold path.</p>	<p><b><u>Comparison Topic: Fasting</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Why do people fast?</i></p> <p>Why do members of my family fast?</p> <p>Does fasting help to reinforce their connection to God?</p> <p><b>WALT</b> compare the rules and reasons for fasting in different religions.</p>
<b>Year 5</b>	<p><b><u>Sikh Dharm – The Sikh religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion?</i></p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is the Christmas story true?</i></p> <p>Why do my friends and I sometimes retell an event differently?</p>	<p><b><u>Jain Dharma – The Jain Religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is it our job to protect the world?</i></p> <p>What can I do to respect all living things?</p>	<p><b><u>Christianity</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Did God intend Jesus to be crucified and if so was Jesus aware of this?</i></p>	<p><b><u>Sanatana Dharma – The Hindu Religion</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?</i></p> <p>Do I have different roles in different situations?</p>	<p><b><u>Comparison Topic</u></b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is it better to give than to receive?</i></p> <p>How can I give to others?</p>

	<p>Are there any parts of my religion that are difficult to fulfil?</p> <p>Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life?</p> <p><b>WALT compare the different ways Sikhs put their religion into practice.</b></p>	<p>Whose version is correct?</p> <p>Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion?</p> <p><b>WALT evaluate different accounts of the Christmas story and understand that stories can be true in different ways.</b></p>	<p>To include a visit to the Jain Education Centre in Bushey.</p> <p><b>WALT understand the Jain value of Ahimsa and how this influences their daily lives.</b></p>	<p>How much control do we have over our own life?</p> <p>Why didn't Jesus run away?</p> <p><b>WALT explore the issue of free will in the story of Easter.</b></p>	<p>How is the Hindu view of God similar and different to my view of God?</p> <p><b>WALT understand how there are many representations of the Hindu God.</b></p>	<p>What is charity? Sikh and Christian views on charity.</p> <p>What does my religion teach about giving charity?</p> <p><b>WALT explore the importance of charity and how we might put our religious teachings into practice.</b></p>
<b>Year 6</b>	<p><b>Islam</b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?</i></p> <p>Do religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others?</p> <p><b>WALT understand some of the ways Muslims show commitment to God and to evaluate whether there is a best way.</b></p>	<p><b>Comparison Topic: Judaism &amp; Jain Dharma</b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Is it enough to say sorry? What is true repentance?</i></p> <p>What have I done that needs forgiveness from God, or from other people?</p> <p><b>WALT understand different religions approach repentance and asking God for forgiveness.</b></p>	<p><b>Islam</b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?</i></p> <p>How does my view of life after death influence how I behave? Do I need to believe in God to believe in life after death?</p> <p><b>WALT identify ways in which Muslims try to lead good lives and how their belief in Akhirah influences this.</b></p>	<p><b>Christianity</b></p> <p><i>Key Question: Who created the Earth if not God? Where do you get your values from if not from God?</i></p> <p>Is religion the most important influence in my life?</p> <p><b>WALT examine the philosophical question –Does everyone believe in God?</b></p> <p>Introducing humanism and atheism as world views.</p> <p>Enrichment: Humanist visit</p>	<p><b>Comparison Topic</b></p> <p><i>Key Question: How important are women as religious role models?</i></p> <p>Can biblical characters still be role models for me when life is so different now? Do biblical stories about women match my view of female equality?</p> <p>Do role models have to be religious?</p> <p><b>WALT explore what we can learn from female biblical characters (Mary, Miriam, Hajar) and to compare this to modern day religious role models (Mother Teresa, Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin).</b></p>	<p><b>Zoroastrianism</b></p> <p><i>Key Question: What is the significance of good and evil in Zoroastrianism?</i></p> <p>How do the teachings of the Zoroastrian faith compare with the teachings of my own faith and with other religions I have learnt about?</p> <p><b>WALT know about the life and teachings of the Prophet Zarathustra. WALT know about influential Zoroastrian figures in the UK.</b></p>