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Year group	Key Knowledge	Skills	Key vocabulary for the year
Nursery			
Our Nursery children encounter Religious Education through the EYFS broad areas of learning and exploration of their own interests. This may include, but is not limited to topics such as: Justice and Fairness (rules/good choices) Human Responsibility and Values / Helping others Birthdays (Beliefs and Practices) Festivals – Harvest, Remembrance, St Andrew, Weddings, Diwali, Fireworks Night, Chinese New Year, Lent (Pancake Day) Christenings/Naming Ceremonies, Easter, New Life, Eid			
Reception			
Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?	* Know that God is important to Christians. * The word God is a name. * Identify some Christian items e.g., cross, Bible. * Recognise the name God. * Recall that some Christians go to church to give thanks to God.	I can remember something that happens in a faith story. I can recognise something a person is doing because of their religion e.g. praying.	God Jesus Christ/Christian Praying/Prayer Believe/belief Love Easter Christmas Save/saving
Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?	* Christians believe that Jesus was a very special baby. * Christians believe God came to Earth in human form as Jesus. * Christians believe Jesus came to show God's love. * Identify some characters in the nativity story. * Recognise Jesus in a nativity scene and listen to the story of Jesus' birth. * Know that the story is found in the Bible. * Recognise some of the things Christians do at Christmas. * Know that the story is important to Christians who celebrate the birth of Jesus in different ways.	I can recognise an object, picture or word that is important to a religious person.	Special Precious World Make/Made Church
How can we help others when they need it?	* Christians believe we should help others just like Jesus did. * Christians try to show love to others. * Understand that Christians help others. * Act out the story of the Good Samaritan. * Give an example or talk about prayer being a way of asking God for help.	I can talk about things that happen to me. I can talk about something interesting in a story or in the world around me.	Allah Islam Celebrate Jewish Hindu
Why do Christians put a cross in their Easter gardens?	* The cross is an important symbol to Christians. * Christians remember Jesus' last week at Easter. * Jesus' name means 'He saves'. * Give an example of where they might see a cross. * Understand the story of Jesus dying has a happy ending.		



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What makes each single person precious and unique?	* Christians believe humans were created by God and loved by him. * Christians believe Jesus came to show that all people are precious and special to God. * Know that Christians believe that people are special and loved by God and that he cares for us all. * Understand that Jesus showed love to everyone and never turned anyone away.		
How can we care for our wonderful world?	* Christians believe God created the world. It is our job to look after it. * Retell or act out parts of the creation story and know this story is found in the Bible.		
Year 1			
Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?	* Christians believe a christening welcomes a person into the Church family. * Christians believe they are part of a church family. * Christening / baptism is a special welcome into the Christian family. * Presents are given to help the baby grow up as a Christian. * It is important to welcome people to church because Jesus always welcomed people. * Belonging to God is important for Christians to feel part of the Church.	I can remember a faith story and know who it is special to. I can use the right words to talk about something a person does in their religion.	Baptism Belong Welcome Kindness Fair Lord King Torah Mitzvah/Mitzvot Deed Religion Jewish Jew Creation/Created Universe Risen Hope Festival Teachings News Sukkah/sukkot Blessing Holy Bible Prayer The Lord's Prayer Worship
Why is learning to do good deeds so important to Jewish people?	* Jewish people believe that God's mitzvot are ways to help mend the world and make it better. * Mitzvah is the Jewish word for good deed or action. It is something God asks all Jews to do. * Jews believe it's a mitzvah (good deed) to: • HELP others in need. • WELCOME others. • GIVE money to help other people • CARE for the world. * Mitzvahs help a Jewish person feel like they belong to a community.	I can suggest why a particular artefact, text or picture is important to a religious person. I can talk about things that happen in my family, my class or my religion.	
How does a Hindu celebrate devotion to God at the festival of Holi?	* Holi is an important festival where many Hindus show their devotion to and love for God. * Hindus believe that Holi is a time to celebrate and show devotion to God and celebrates Spring and first harvests. * Hindus use stories to understand what God is like and they are a big part of Holi. * Playing with colours and fun tricks at Holi is a way of remembering Krishna. * Many Hindus show devotion to God at a shrine in their home.	I can ask why a story is told, and what I learn from it, including a religious story.	
What are the best symbols of Jesus' death & resurrection at Easter?	* Christians believe that Jesus is alive today. * Easter is a celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. * Jesus died at Easter but came back to life. * Jesus is alive in heaven. * Easter is a time of celebration. * There are different symbols used in the Christian tradition.	I can talk about something which is important for me and why.	



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Why do Jewish families say so many prayers and blessings?	* Jewish people give thanks to God and learn about the importance of rest through the creation story. * Jewish people: • Say prayers and blessings to God because it reminds them how great God is. • Say thank you to God for all he provides. • Have a day of rest each week called Shabbat. • Have annual festivals such as Sukkot with special prayers and blessings. • Pray at both home and the synagogue.		
Why do Christians pray to God and worship him?	* Christians pray to and worship God because they believe that he is great. * Christians pray in different ways. * Christians go to church to tell God how great he is. * Christians believe: • God is with them, listening when they want to talk to him. • God is like the best kind of parent. They can talk to him about everything. * Jesus taught his disciples to pray by teaching them models such as The Lord's prayer.		
Year 2			
Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?	* Saying sorry is important for Jewish people. They believe that God wants people to learn from their mistakes. * Repentance means saying sorry to God for bad deeds and making sure they don't happen again. Jewish people believe: * God weighs the good and bad things we have done at New Year and gives people a chance to put things right. * God forgives those who repent.	I can tell a faith story and say why it might be important to a believer.	Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Shofar Saviour
Why was Jesus given the name 'saviour'?	* Christians believe that Jesus came to Earth to help and save others. Christians believe: * Jesus came to save the world from the problem of sin. * God decided to show the world how much he loved us by coming to earth as the baby Jesus. This was a wonderful gift. * Jesus is the Saviour and rescuer of the world. He shows people the way to God. * Advent is a special time of waiting to celebrate the 'coming' of Jesus.	I can talk about something religious people do together as part of their worship in a religious building.	Advent Annunciation Creator Sustainer Belonging Bethlehem Worship
How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?	* Because Muslims believe Allah is a God of compassion, they show compassion to others. * That Muslims believe in Allah – the one true God. * Many Muslims believe: • Compassion means noticing the pain or suffering of others and taking action to help. • Allah expresses compassion to the world and everything in it. • Muslims should be compassionate to follow the example of Muhammed and the teachings of the Qur'an.	I can say what a religious symbol stands for, or what some art, music or words are about for a believer.	Celebrate Muhammad Allah Prophet Compassion Arabic Qur'an Ramadan Muslim Islam
Why do Christians	* Christians follow Jesus by trying to understand why he lived the way He did and learn how to be more like Him. * Jesus is an inspirational figure for Christians who follow him.	I can ask respectfully about what happens in groups my friends or others belong to, including a faith group.	Messenger Forgiveness Friendless



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trust Jesus and follow him?	* Christians put their trust in Jesus. They choose to listen to him and follow his example of living God's way. * The Bible contains stories of people who followed Jesus which we can learn from. * Christians ask God to help them follow Jesus more closely. * Some Christians say a creed which explains what they believe. * Christians try to listen to the words of the Bible to help them follow Jesus.	and about any questions it raises. I can talk about what is important to others, including religious believers, and ask respectfully about why.	Sin Moses Judaism Synagogue Ark Trust
Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish community?	* The Torah is a special and important sacred text for Jews. They believe that it was given to them by God. * Jewish people believe: • The Torah is a very important book, so important, that when they get to the end, they start to read it all over again. • The Torah was given to the Jewish people from God. • The Torah contains rules from God on how we should live. • The Torah should be treated with respect.		
What did Jesus teach about God in his parables?	* Parables are special stories that teach what God is like. They teach that God is loving and kind. * A parable is a story with a special meaning. * The parables of Jesus are found in the Bible. * Christians believe: • Jesus used parables to help his followers learn about God. • Christians retell the parables in different ways. * Christians hope that the good news about God loving and caring for people will help everyone know they are precious to God.		
Year 3			
How do Christians show that reconciliation with God and others is important?	* That reconciliation is about fixing what is broken. * That Christians believe: • The world needs reconciliation and the Bible and stories Jesus told teach about reconciliation. • God offers forgiveness to all who repent and admit wrongdoing. • Asking God for forgiveness is called confession. • That God wants us all to be peacemakers.	I can describe what a believer might learn from a religious story / text. I can describe some similar things religious people do as part of their faith / way of life.	Old Testament People of God Relationship Faith Trinity Holy Spirit Followers Hindu Hinduism Karma Sewa Selfish/Selfless Influence Neighbour Preacher Teachings Kingdom
How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?	* That submission is about recognising that Allah is to be obeyed at all times. * That Muslims believe: • That Allah is the one true God; the most important being in the universe. • That Allah should be obeyed in every way and Muslims trust him to tell them the right thing to do. • That praying five times a day helps them to remember to submit to Allah in all they do.	I can describe some ways people show their beliefs using religious words correctly.	
Why do Hindus want to collect	* Karma means actions. Whatever we do produces a result. * Hindus believe • We all have a soul. The soul is reincarnated when we die, it lives on and moves into a new body.	I can recognise some of the things which influence	



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good karma?	- We collect good and bad karma through our actions which always have consequences. - Hindus are encouraged in their holy books to perform acts of selfless kindness.	me e.g. family, friends, faith.	Heaven
Is the cross a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for Christians?	* Remember the Christian cross looks different across the world. * Christians believe: - Jesus was to put to death on a cross. This was a sacrifice for the whole world so everyone has the chance to live in heaven after they die. - God loves us so much we are worth the sacrifice Jesus made. - Wearing a cross is a symbol of commitment to following Jesus. * The stories of Jesus death are told in church during holy week.	I can ask good questions about life and communicate some of my ideas for answers. I can link things that are important to me with the way I think and behave	Pentecost Holy Week Sacrifice Crucifix Repentance Parable The Lord's Prayer Reconciliation Submission Bismillah Salat Adhan Muezzin Exodus Passover Seder Shavuot
What do Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God?	* Remember the Kingdom of God is not a place – it is present whenever people live God's way. * Christians believe: - In living God's way. Jesus summed this up with the Golden Rule: 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.' - God is King. - The Bible and the parables of Jesus teach the right way to live. - The Lord's Prayer is an important prayer because it is about wanting God's kingdom to come. Christians want to be part of spreading God's kingdom on earth.		
What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with God?	* Covenant means promise. * Jewish people believe: - The rainbow is a sign of the first covenant with God. - Abraham was called into a covenant with God. - The Exodus was God's rescue of the Jewish nation from Egyptian slavery. - God summoned the Jewish people to Mount Sinai to renew their Covenant with them. - God's covenant is remembered at Passover.		
Year 4			
How does believing Jesus is their saviour inspire Christians to save and serve others?	* Remember people were amazed at what Jesus said and did when he was alive. * Christians believe: - Jesus was a rescuer or saviour (the name Jesus means saviour). - The Bible tells us stories of when Jesus saved people when he was alive and all through his death. - Humans are made in God's image. However, when we disobey God's rules or fail to live up to them, we are 'spoilt'. - In serving others by making a difference in response to Jesus saving them.	I can describe what believers might learn from a religious story about God or living. I can describe some things religious people do as part of their faith that are the same and some that are different.	Genesis The Fall Commandment Guidelines Steward Offerings Actions Duties/Duty Symbol Disciple Prophet Mosque Allah
Why do Muslims call Muhammad the 'seal of the prophets'?	* A prophet is chosen by God and provides guidance in the form of a good example to follow. * Muslims believe: - Allah has sent many messengers into the world to call people back, when they have behaved badly. - Muhammad was chosen by Allah to be his final prophet. - Muhammad is greatly respected by Muslims but he is not to be worshipped. - Muhammad told people to submit to Allah and to worship no-one else.		



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How does the story of Rama and Sita inspire Hindus to follow their dharma?	* Hindus believe: - Everyone has their own DUTY or Dharma to fulfil in life. - Dharma should be taken seriously -like playing a role in a team. - Siblings have a duty to look after each other. - Many Hindu stories are about those who follow their duty, no matter what. - Hindu marriage joins two people for life, so they can fulfil their dharma together.	I can describe some different ways people show their beliefs using religious words, art or symbols.	Muhammad Shahadah Justice Rama Sita Dharma Raksha Bandhan
Why are good stewardship and generous giving important for every Christian?	* That Christians believe: - God owns the world and everything in it. Humans look after the world on God's behalf. - Christians give to God because they love him. The Bible says: God loves a cheerful giver. - The money they give helps the church tell others about Jesus and help them feel God's love. - Stewardship is about more than money; it involves the giving of time and talent too.	I can compare some things that influence me with those that influence other people, including religious believers.	Murti Diwali Diva William Booth Salvation Army Sin
Why do Christians believe they are people on a mission?	* Every Christian is called by God to be a good influence on the world around them. * Christians believe: - Jesus told his followers to be salt and light in the world. - Like salt, Christians should encourage what is good in the world. - Like light, Christians should shine so people can see God in them. - Jesus gave his followers the job of spreading his message. This is the Great Commission. - The Holy Spirit gives Christians strength for this task.	I can ask important questions about life and compare ideas with those of other people, including people of faith.	Pentecost Mission The Great Commission Singh Patka Kaur Gurdwara Langar
How do Sikhs put their beliefs about equality into practice?	*That Sikhs believe: - Guru Nanak taught that God was present in everyone. - Everybody is equal because God is in each heart. - All Sikh boys are called Singh, and girls Kaur. These extra names show all are equal to God. - Eating together in the langar helps put equality in practice. - In the Gurdwara, worshipping together reminds Sikhs they are all equal.	I can link things that I, and others, value, with the way we choose to think and behave.	
Year 5			
Why is the gospel such good news for Christians?	* To Christians, Jesus is good news. * Christians believe: * Jesus is the saviour of the world. This is good news. * The Gospels are the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and tell the stories of Jesus. * Christians live by the Bible and by the things Jesus said. * The teachings of Jesus have authority in their life.	I can make links that show how the beliefs of religious groups come from sources or teachings	Omnipotent Omniscient Eternal Crucified Anointed
What does the Qur'an reveal about Allah and his guidance?	* Revelation is how Allah imparts whatever he wishes to those he chooses. Muslims believe: - The greatest revelation has come from Allah to the Prophet Muhammad, recorded in the Qur'an. - The Qur'an reveals what God is like, provides guidance for living and the key to preparation for the life to come.	I can use the right religious words to describe practices and experiences involved in belonging to religious groups	Messiah Saviour Salvation Bhagavad Gita Krishna Devotee Gospel



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	The words of the Qur'an are the actual words of Allah received over a period of time by the Prophet Muhammad through the Angel Jibreel (Gabriel).	I can show how believers express their religious beliefs and feelings in different ways, and suggest why	Devil Sacrifice Communion Eucharist Passover Feast Mass
What spiritual pathways to Moksha are written about in Hindu scriptures?	* Moksha is freedom from the cycle of birth-death-rebirth (samsara). * That Hindus believe: - Life is a journey towards re-union with God and there are different pathways to achieve this. - Hindus read from the Gita for guidance, comfort and advice. - Most Hindus follow Bhakti yoga – one can reach moksha through loving devotion to God. - Many Hindus direct their devotion to Krishna; they believe that if they focus their love on him he will be their route to moksha.	I can ask questions about groups people choose to belong to, or identify with, and include reference to people who inspire others to belong	Exodus Slavery Revelation Cave Hira Madrasah Hafiz Sunnah of the Prophet Madrasah Laylat-ul Qadr Gospel Lectern Anne Vallotton Moksha Samsara
When Christians need real wisdom where do they look for it?	* Christians believe that true wisdom comes from God and that, as they grow in faith, so their wisdom will also grow. * Christians believe: - Proverbs pass on wisdom from people who have faced similar dilemmas and choices to us. - The Book of Proverbs in the Bible was written by King Solomon and is a source of wisdom. - When praying, Christians ask God for wisdom – to know what to do or how to help. - God's wisdom is reflected in the beauty of creation. - The Psalms teach that the human skills of creation are seen as wise because they come from God. - Jesus taught a wise person trusts in God.	I can ask questions about the meaning and purpose of life, and suggest answers of my own and one a religious believer might give	Yoga Proverbs Sermon on the Mount Buddha Enlightenment The Eightfold Path Dharma Wheel Four Noble Truths Meditation
What is the great significance of the Eucharist for Christians?	* The Eucharist is when Christians give thanks for bread and wine in memory of Jesus, a central act of worship. * Christians believe: - It is important to give thanks to God. It is a Christian duty. - During the Lord's Supper, the Passover feast with his disciples on the evening before he was betrayed, Jesus commanded his followers to remember him. - The Eucharist is a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice on their behalf but also of things which should make them glad: of God's amazing love and forgiveness.	I can ask about moral decisions I, and others, make as a result of particular values or commitments, including some religious beliefs	
How did Buddha teach his followers to find enlightenment	* Enlightenment means having a fully awake understanding. * Buddhists believe: - All humans have the potential to be enlightened or awakened spiritually. - The Buddha achieved enlightenment sitting under a Bodhi tree. He worked out what was wrong with humans – that we all experience suffering. - The Buddha explained his ideas as Four Noble Truths. - Following the teachings of the Buddha found in the Eightfold Path is a way to end suffering. - They can become enlightened through meditation.		
Year 6			
How do Christians show their belief that	* Christians believe: - God came into the world in human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. - Jesus is 'Emmanuel' or 'God with us'. He was both human and divine.	I can explain some key beliefs / teachings of a religious group, linking these to texts and saying	Humanist/Humanism Atheist Agnostic Secularist



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Jesus is God incarnate?	- God understands our deepest human needs because he became human through Jesus. God wants us to know he can provide for all our needs. - The Bible teaches who Jesus was through his 'I am' sayings. - Acting in compassionate ways towards others is a way to 'incarnate' God's love.	what they tell believers about God or how to live their lives.	Commitment Sermon Restored Transformed Obedience Incarnate Divine Tawhid Ummah Hajj Kaaba Contemporary
How does tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?	* Tawhid is the central Muslim belief that there is only one God and that God is unique. * Muslims believe: - There is only one true God. - Everything comes from Allah. He is eternal and infinite. - Muslims believe all humans come from God and will go to God when they die. - Muslims believe all humans exist to serve Allah and obey him. - All Muslims belong to the ummah, the worldwide Islamic community.	I can use a wide religious vocabulary to compare the practices and ways of life in different faiths or denominations.	Controversy Scientist Majesty Marginalised Cosmology Evolution Conflict Vulnerability Tolerance Brahman Atman Deities Ahimsa Mystery Agnostic Icon Atheist Trinity Resurrection Creed Hallelujah
How do questions about Brahman and atman influence the way a Hindu lives?	* At the heart of Hindu tradition is the concept of Brahman – the Supreme Being. * Hindus believe: - Different things about God. Views vary greatly. It is our human nature which limits our understanding. - Some Hindus would say Brahman is God, others would describe Brahman differently, as a force or soul of the universe. - Brahman is the world and everything in it, a Supreme Being who joins all things together. <u>Deities</u>, like Krishna or Ganesh, reveal aspects of Brahman in human form. - There is a spark of Brahman within each person called the Atman.	I can express religious beliefs, ideas or feelings in the kind of style used by believers. I can ask about the diverse groups people belong to in society, as a result of heritage, choices or beliefs, and the challenges of religious identity.	
How do Christians try to capture the mystery of God as Trinity?	* Christians struggle to express the idea of the Trinity. It is a mystery. * Christians believe: - Christians believe in one God but they experience Him in three ways (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). - When Jesus was baptised all three persons of the Trinity were present. - When Jesus left earth, he asked his followers to baptise new Christians 'in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.'	I can compare my own ideas about the meaning and purpose of life, or about what is true, with those of others including those of a religious believer.	
Should believing in the resurrection change how Christians view life and death?	* Resurrection is a word Christians use at Easter. It describes their belief that Jesus was raised from the dead. Stories of the resurrected Jesus are found in the Bible. Christians try to be a 'witnesses to the resurrection.' * Christians believe: - That Jesus was resurrected from the dead. - Hallelujah is a good word to use at Easter, a time of celebration. - That death is not the end. - The resurrection makes a difference in how to live well the right way today and how to help others to also live well.	I can discuss some of the benefits and problems of holding strong values and commitments, including those of a religious or non-religious nature	
Why do humanists	* Humanism is a non-religious worldview. * Humanists believe: Every human has only one life to live.		



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say happiness
is
the goal of
life?

- That what is right and wrong should be based on reason and respect for others.
- Happiness is a key purpose of this one life and that the time to be happy is now.
- That happiness is found in treating others as you would like to be treated.
- Do not believe in God or an afterlife.
- Look to science instead of religion as the best way to discover and understand the world.
- In the importance of providing meaningful non-religious ceremonies like weddings and funerals.