

Essential characteristics of Religious Education:

- An outstanding level of religious understanding and knowledge.
- A thorough engagement with a range of ultimate questions about the meaning and significance of existence.

• The ability to ask significant and highly reflective questions about religion and demonstrate an excellent understanding of issues related to the nature, truth and value of religion.

• A strong understanding of how the beliefs, values, practices and ways of life within any religion cohere together.

• Exceptional independence; the ability to think for themselves and take the initiative in, for example, asking questions, carrying out investigations, evaluating ideas and working constructively with others.

• Significant levels of originality, imagination or creativity, which are shown in their responses to their learning in RE.

• The ability to link the study of religion and belief to personal reflections on meaning and purpose.

• A wide knowledge and deep understanding across a wide range of religions and beliefs.

Year Group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception	Harvest	Diwali The Christmas Story		Easter Story The Good Samaritan – godly play		The World Noah's Ark – godly play Ramadan/Eid
Year 1	Christianity: What do Christians believe God is like?	Christianity: Why is Christmas important to Christians?	Christianity: Who is Jesus?	Christianity: Why did Jesus tell Parables?	Judaism: Why do Jewish families celebrate Shabbat?	Comparative: Why should we look after our world?
Year 2	Christianity: Stories of the Bible	What does Christmas mean to Christians?	Christianity: How was Jesus a friend and saviour?	Christianity: Easter	Prayer Islam: Who is Allah?	Islam: What is important to Muslims?
Year 3	How does the Bible reveal God's rescue plan?	How does the Bible reveal God's rescue plan? Why are presents given at Christmas?	What are important times for Jews? How did Jesus change lives?	What are important times for Jews? How did Jesus change lives?	How did the church begin?	Why do Christians share communion?
Year 4	How can the synagogue help us understand the Jewish family?	Why do Christians call God 'Father'? Christmas Y4: How can artists help us understand Christmas?	Why is praying important for Christians?	Easter Y4: How does Lent help Christians prepare for Easter?	Is Christian Worship the same all around the world?	What do Sikhs value?
Year 5	Why did Jesus say 'I am'? What is the golden rule?	Why is light an important sign at Christmas?	How do Christians know what happened at Easter?	Faith expressed through art	How can the mosque help us understand the Muslim faith?	Pillars of Islam
Year 6	What helps Hindus to worship?	The Trinity: How is God three and yet one?	What is the Buddhist way of life?	Easter Y6: Did Jesus have to die?	How can churches help us to understand Christian belief?	How do the Pillars of Islam help Muslims live a good life?