



RE Key Learning Questions YR – 6

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Reception Why are some things special?	Why do we celebrate? Why might people send cards and gifts at special times? Why do people want to gather together to celebrate special times? What times are special for different people and why? What does it feel like to be part of a special celebration? What aspects of my life do I want to celebrate? Why? Who with?		Which stories and books are special for different people and why? What does it mean if something is special? How do people care for their special things? Why stories are special to you and why? Who do you treat with respect and why?		Which places are special for different people and why? What makes a place special? How and why do we behave differently in different places? Where is my special place? Why is it special? How should I behave differently at school than at home?	What is special about our world? What do you think is special about our world? How do people harm the natural world? How do people take care of the world? What do you think is special in the world? What can you do to take care of the world?
Year 1 What do people say about God?	Christianity (God) <i>Why do Christians say that God is a 'Father'?</i> Why might Christians compare God to a loving parent? What is a candle a symbol of for Christians? Why is love important in families? How do you support the people you care about?	Christianity (Jesus) <i>Why is Jesus special to Christians?</i> Recall the events of the nativity story. Why is Christmas special to Christians? Why are babies so special? Why should we help others who cannot take care of themselves? Who helps you when you are in need?	Islam <i>How might beliefs about creation affect the way people treat the world?</i> Who do Muslims believe created the world? Why does Islam teach people to look after the world? How should we treat the environment? Do we all have a responsibility to take care of the natural world? What difference to the world can you make?	Judaism <i>Why might some people put their trust in God?</i> How did Noah put his trust in God? What do Jews do during the festival of Sukkot? What types of promises do people make? What is trust? How can you show you are trustworthy? Is it important to keep promises? Why?	Hindu dharma <i>What do Hindus believe about God?</i> How many Hindu Gods are there? Why are there different pictures of God? What is murtis? Why is it important in Hindu worship? How are beliefs taught in Hindu? Can we know anything about people by just looking at them? What different roles do you have? How do you express your identity?	Christianity (Church) <i>How might some people show that they 'belong' to God?</i> Why do Christians believe the Church community is like a family? Why is it important to welcome new members into the Church? What happens during a baptism? Name some symbols used during a baptism. What do we mean by 'family'? Where do you belong?
Year 2 How do we respond to the things that really matter?	Christianity (God) <i>Does how we treat the world matter?</i> How do Christians believe creation happened? How do Christians care for God's creation? What is the Harvest festival? How do humans use the world's resources? Why do we have a responsibility to care for the natural world? How are you helping to look after the world?	Christianity (Jesus) <i>Why do Christians say Jesus is the 'Light of the World'?</i> Why is Jesus a symbol of light? What is a Christingle? What beliefs about Jesus as the 'Light of the World' are found in the Christmas story? Why is light important to us? Is happiness an important part of the human experience? Who brings light into your life?	Hindu dharma <i>How might people express their devotion?</i> Describe one of the forms that Hindu worship God. Why is it important that Hindus express their devotion to the deities? Where do Hindus worship? What objects are used on a puja tray? Who and what is really special to you? How do we show respect to the people that really matter to us? How do you show gratitude for the things that really matter?	Islam <i>Why do Muslims believe it is important to obey God?</i> What is the Shahada and why is it important? Why is obedience important to Muslims? Why is making time to devote to God important to Muslims? How might doing things together give people a greater sense of unity? Why should we make time for the things that really matter to us? Who or what do you make time for? Why?	Christianity (Church) <i>What unites the Christian community?</i> Why is coming together for worship important to Christians? What special book do Christians use in worship? Describe two features of a church. What does 'community' mean? Why is being part of a community important? How do people show they belong to communities? What communities do you belong to? Why does belonging to a community matter to you?	Judaism <i>What aspects of life really matter?</i> What is the Torah and why is it important? What happened during the story of the Ten Commandments? Why is this an important story? What happens on the Jewish Sabbath and why is important? Why is making time to devote to God an important part of religious life? How and why should we make time for the people who really matter to us? Who really matters in your life?
Year 3 Who should we follow?	Christianity (God) <i>How (and why) have some people served God?</i> Why is Abraham described as a prophet? How and why did Abraham chose to follow the word of God? What is a vocation? Why is service and sacrifice important in Christian life? Who are good role models for the world today? Why? What qualities do good leaders have? Who inspires you? Why?	Islam <i>Why is the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) an example for Muslims?</i> Why is the Prophet Muhammad important for the Islamic community? Describe and give reasons for the Islamic practice of zakat. How might a Muslim try to be charitable in the world today? What inspires us as human beings to be charitable to others? What special qualities do you have? Who is your role model in life? Why?	Christianity (Jesus) <i>What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?</i> What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Who are the disciples and why did they decide to become followers of Jesus? How might Christians follow the teachings and example of Jesus today? Describe and explain the work of a Christian organisation. What motivates people to make a difference? Who should you decided to follow and why?	Christianity (Church) <i>What do Christians mean by the 'Holy Spirit'?</i> What do Christians believe is meant by 'Holy Spirit'? What happened during Pentecost? How might Christians today celebrate Pentecost? What aspects of being human should we celebrate? What does it mean to be a successful human being? What are your special qualities? How can you make the best use of your talents?	Sikhism <i>Why are the Gurus important to Sikhs?</i> Who is Guru Nanak? Why are the 10 gurus of Sikhism important? Why is Guru Granth Sahib classed as a 'living teacher' and a source of authority? What happens during the Sikh festival of Baisakhi? What type of things really inspire people to become committed? What does it mean to make a commitment to something? What are your commitments?	Hindu dharma <i>Why is family an important part of Hindu life?</i> What duties are important in Hinduism? What does the story of Rama and Sita teach Hindus? What happens during the festival of Raksha Bandhan and why is it important? What are our duties to one another? Why is family so important to many humans? What rights and responsibilities do you have in your family?
Year 4 How should we live our lives?	Hindu dharma <i>What might a Hindu learn through celebrating Diwali?</i> How does the story of Rama and Sita teach Hindus about how to live and how good overcomes evil? What can Hindus learn about Vishnu? Describe why Diwali is such a popular Hindu festival. What links are there between light, Rama and Sita and good overcoming evil? Where do we see goodness in the world? Why do so many stories tell of a battle between good and evil? What does 'goodness' mean to you?	Christianity (God) <i>How and why might Christians use the Bible?</i> What do Christian believe about the Bible as the word of God? What beliefs do Christians have about the Bible? Which sources of authority might a Christian look to when making moral decisions? How do Christians use the Bible, both privately and in congregational worship? What do we mean by a source of authority? What authorities do we follow and why? Does it matter if you are a moral person?	Sikhism <i>How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values?</i> How might the core beliefs and values of Sikhism be expressed through symbols, clothing and worship? What is the meaning of the 5Ks in Sikhism? How are Sikh beliefs reflected within the Gurdwara – through worship and sewa? Is everyone in society equal? Is there anything we can do to make the world a fairer place? What values and commitments matter to you?	Christianity (Jesus) <i>Is sacrifice an important part of religious life?</i> What does the account of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness show about Christian beliefs? Why is sacrifice an important Christian value? What happens during the Christian season of Lent? Why is sacrificial love important within Christianity? Why do we make sacrifices for the people we love? How might making a sacrifice be a positive thing? Is sacrifice an expression of love?	Islam <i>Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?</i> What happens during Ramadhan? What is fasting seen as an act of? Why do Muslims commit to the fast, what impact does this have? Why is Ramadhan important (in context of the Five Pillars)? What does it mean to be committed? How do people show their commitment to others and society? Does commitment involve struggle and sacrifice? Is commitment a duty or a choice?	Christianity (Church) <i>What does 'love your neighbour' really mean?</i> What beliefs, teachings and values are taught through the parables? What does agape mean to Christians today? What did Jesus mean by the terms 'love' and 'neighbour'? How and why do we use stories to teach important values? What do we mean by 'the moral of the story'? What wisdom have you gained from others? How can you show love for all?

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Year 5 Where can we find guidance about how to live our lives?	<u>Christianity (God)</u> <i>Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing?</i> What do Christians believe about sin and temptation? What can be learnt by the story of the Fall (Genesis 3)? How and why might Christians use the Lord's Prayer? What temptations might Christians have today? Where might a Christian look for guidance? What role do myths and stories have? How are they used as sources of wisdom and guidance? What guides the choices you make about right and wrong?	<u>Islam</u> <i>Why is the Qur'an so important to Muslims?</i> How is the Qur'an used as a source of guidance in everyday life? Why is Muhammad (pbuh) called the seal of the prophets? How and why do Muslims remember the night of power? How do Muslims demonstrate respect for Allah through the use and treatment of the Qur'an? Where do we learn how to behave? Where do laws come from? Are they important? How did you develop your own values and beliefs?	<u>Hindu dharma</u> <i>What might Hindus learn from stories about Krishna?</i> What do stories about Krishna teach Hindus? How does the belief that God is present in all people impact the way Hindus behave? What are the different ways the Hindu festival of Holi is celebrated? What is the importance of colour in Holi? How do stories teach important 'truths' for all people? How do we pass on traditions and values through celebrating together? How do you decide what is true? What are your 'truths'?	<u>Christianity (Jesus)</u> <i>What do we mean by a miracle?</i> What might Christians learn from the miracle stories from the life of Jesus? Why do Christians go on pilgrimage to places associated with miraculous events? Why is believing in the possibility of miracles important for Christians today? What do we mean by 'miracle'? Do you have to see something in order to believe it? How should we make decisions about what to believe? What you believe in? Is it okay to disagree about beliefs?	<u>Christianity (Church)</u> <i>How do people decide what to believe?</i> What do Christians believe about the Trinity? Why might a religious community want a shared statement of belief? How is art used by Christians? What does Taize show about Christian unity? What do we mean by a 'source of authority'? Do communities need to have shared beliefs and values? What is your 'ultimate' authority? Why should you be respectful towards others beliefs?	<u>Judaism</u> <i>Do people need laws to guide them?</i> Why is the Torah important to Jewish people and how does it guide their life? Why do Jewish people visit the synagogue? What links are there between belief in the Torah and attending the synagogue? What rules guide your behaviour? Should other people create rules for us to follow? What organisations exist to help others? How do you know what is the right thing to do?
Year 6 Is life like a journey?	<u>Christianity (Church)</u> <i>How do Christians mark the 'turning points' in the journey of life?</i> Why is the death and resurrection of Jesus important to Christians? How do beliefs about life after death influence a person's behaviour? How does confession and reconciliation impact relationships? Why is forgiveness impacts but challenging? What might people gain from being able to forgive? Is it important to show we are sorry after doing wrong? What is the meaning and purpose of life? Why is it sometimes difficult to forgive?	<u>Hindu dharma</u> <i>Is there one journey or many?</i> What is the concept of Moksha? What do Hindus believe about karma and reincarnation? Why are rites of passage important to Hindus? What is Hindu dharma? How do humans change during the journey of life? Is there an ultimate purpose to human life – if so, what? Do we have a duty to the people we meet on life's journey? Do you have a sense of purpose?	<u>Islam</u> <i>What is Hajj and why is it important to Muslims?</i> Why are the Five Pillars of Islam significant? Why do Muslims believe Ummah is important? Describe and explain the importance of Hajj. Why is it important for a Muslim to go on hajj? Why is guidance helpful for life? Where can guidance be found? What support and guidance might you need in the future?	<u>Christianity (Jesus)</u> <i>Why do Christians believe Good Friday is 'good'?</i> How do Christians find hope and comfort in the death and resurrection of Jesus? How do Christians celebrate the events of Holy Week? What is the Eucharist? How are Christian beliefs different about the Eucharist? What do people mean when they say 'suffering makes you stronger'? Who or what provides people with hope and comfort in difficult times? How do you cope with difficulties in life?	<u>Buddhism</u> <i>What do we mean by a 'good life'?</i> What lessons can be taken from the story of Prince Siddhartha? What are the 4 Noble Truths? How does the Eightfold Path impact ways Buddhist live? How and why do Buddhists meditate? What makes us truly happy? What can we do to improve the quality of our lives? Where do you find happiness? What does a 'good' life mean to you?	<u>Christianity (God)</u> <i>If life is like a journey, what's the destination?</i> How do rituals and rites of passage reflect beliefs in Christians? What differing Christian views are there towards infant baptism? Why are sacraments an important part of Christian life? What important events have happened in your life? What is worth celebrating? How do you decide what's worth being part of?