

RE Curriculum Overview

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Curriculum Overview for RE				
CYCLE A: Autumn Term 1 & 2				
Subject Area	Christianity Introduction to Christianity	Christianity Christian Denominations	Christianity Free will/ Consequences	Christianity Grace
Taught Content Knowledge/ skills	Students will learn about key Christian beliefs such as the Trinity, Incarnation, and Resurrection. They will explore the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, understanding why these events are central to Christian faith. Additionally, students will develop skills in interpreting biblical texts and teachings to deepen their understanding of Christian beliefs and practices.	Students will learn to identify and understand the differences between various Christian denominations and their beliefs. They will explore the role of the Church in modern society, including its social and moral influence. Students will also examine Christian teachings about the afterlife and develop their ability to evaluate religious arguments using evidence and reasoned judgment.	Students will build skills in reasoned argument and critical thinking, enabling them to engage thoughtfully with religious ideas. They will reflect on spiritual and philosophical questions, apply Christian teachings to contemporary moral dilemmas, and explore how Christian beliefs influence individual behaviour and decision-making in real-life situations.	Students will learn to define the concept of grace within Christian theology and understand its vital role in the process of salvation. They will explore how grace reflects God's unconditional love for humanity and examine key biblical examples, such as the parable of the Prodigal Son and Jesus' crucifixion, to illustrate how grace is demonstrated throughout Christian teachings.
Key Skills	To understand core Christian beliefs (e.g.,	To Identify and understand	Building skills in reasoned argument and critical thinking	Defining the concept of grace within Christian theology

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	Trinity, Incarnation, Resurrection) - To explaining the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection - Creation story - Students to Interpret biblical texts and teachings - Heaven and Hell	different Christian denominations - Exploring the role of the Church in modern society - Exploring Christian teachings about the afterlife - Evaluating religious arguments with evidence	- Reflecting on spiritual and philosophical questions - Applying Christian teachings to modern dilemmas - Understanding how Christian beliefs influence behaviour and decision-making in relation.	- Understanding the role of grace in salvation - Explaining grace as an expression of God's unconditional love - Recognising biblical examples of grace (e.g., the Prodigal Son, Jesus' crucifixion)
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CYCLE A Spring Term 1 & 2				
Subject Content	Islam Introduction to Islam	Islam Prophets / Predestination	Families and Relationships Religious views on relationships	Families and Relationships Religious views on gender roles and divorce
Core Knowledge	Students will explore the key similarities and differences between Sunni and Shia Muslims, gaining insight into the main branches of Islam. They will develop an understanding of the oneness of God (Tawhid) and the nature of God in Islamic belief,	Students will explore Islamic beliefs about life after death and how these shape the lives of Muslims. They will learn about the role and significance of key Islamic prophets, including their messages and impact on the faith.	Students will explore Christian perspectives on human sexuality, including views on same-sex marriage and the use of contraception. They will also examine the purpose and significance of marriage within the Christian faith, considering	Students will learn about Christian attitudes towards divorce and cohabitation, exploring how these issues are viewed within the faith. They will study different perspectives on family life, including the roles and

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	including His attributes. Students will also learn about the role and significance of angels in Islam, deepening their knowledge of Islamic theology.	Additionally, students will develop an understanding of the importance of prayer in Islam as a central act of worship and a pillar of Muslim life.	how these teachings influence beliefs and practices in modern society.	responsibilities of men and women, and how traditional gender roles are understood and challenged in modern Christian contexts.
Key Skills	- Explore Sunni and Shia Muslims - Understand the oneness of God - To understand the nature of God in Islam - Explore Angels in Islam	- To explore life after death - Explore the Islamic Prophets - To understand the importance of Prayer	- To explore human sexuality - To explore same sex marriage - To understand contraception - Explore the purpose of Marriage	- To understand divorce and cohabitation - Attitudes towards families - Gender roles - Roles of men and women

CYCLE A: Summer Term 1 & 2				
Subject Content	Religion, Peace and Conflict Forgiveness and Reconciliation	Religion, Peace and Conflict Peace and Justice	Religion, Peace and Conflict Holy War	Religion, Peace and Conflict Religion and Peacemaking
Core Knowledge	Students will explore Christian teachings on peace and justice, including the	Students will explore the ethical and religious issues surrounding weapons of	Students will learn about the definition and concept of Holy War within Christianity. They	Students will explore the Christian concept of peace and the importance of peace-making. They

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	importance of promoting fairness and reconciliation. They will examine Christian responses to conflict, such as pacifism and the principles of the Just War theory, learning how these ideas guide believers in situations of war and peace.	mass destruction, considering their impact on conflict and peace. They will study the concepts of conflict and peacemaking, learning how different beliefs inform responses to war and violence. Additionally, students will engage in revision units to consolidate their understanding of these topics.	will explore historical examples, such as the Crusades, to understand how and why these wars were fought. Additionally, students will study key Christian teachings on war and peace, examining how faith influences attitudes toward conflict and reconciliation.	will study biblical teachings on peace, such as “Blessed are the peacemakers” from Matthew 5:9, and interpret Jesus’ teachings on love, forgiveness, and reconciliation, understanding how these shape Christian attitudes towards conflict and relationships.
Key Skills	• To understand peace and justice • Explore Peace and conflict, pacifism • Explore Just war theory	• To explore weapons of mass destruction • To understand conflict and peace making • Revision units	• Understand the definition and concept of Holy War • Explore historical examples of Christian Holy Wars (e.g., the Crusades) • Identify key Christian teachings about war and peace	• Understand the Christian concept of peace and peace-making • Explain biblical teachings on peace (e.g., “Blessed are the peacemakers” – Matthew 5:9) • Interpret Jesus’ teachings on love, forgiveness, and reconciliation

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CYCLE B: Autumn Term 1 & 2				
Subject Content	Christianity Introduction to Christianity	Christianity Sin and Free will	Christianity Religious Law	Christianity Reconciliation
Core Knowledge	Students will study core Christian beliefs such as the Trinity, Incarnation, and Resurrection. They will explore different interpretations of the creation story and articulate their own responses to these beliefs. Students will also explain the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, while learning to engage respectfully with diverse perspectives within Christianity.	Students will learn about the Christian concept of sin, including both original sin and personal sin. They will study beliefs about heaven and hell and explore the role of free will in making moral decisions. Additionally, students will analyse key biblical teachings about sin and human nature, such as those found in Genesis 3 and Romans 5, to deepen their understanding of Christian ethics.	Students will debate religious and moral questions from a Christian perspective, developing their critical thinking skills. They will explore religious diversity within Christianity around the world and examine Christianity's impact on history and culture. Additionally, students will study the concepts of grace and law, understanding their significance in Christian theology and ethics.	Students will engage with the concept of religious vocation and service, exploring how Christians are called to live out their faith through helping others. They will study the importance of forgiveness, love, and compassion as central Christian values. Throughout their learning, students will use specialist religious vocabulary accurately and appropriately to express their understanding.
Key Skills	To understand core Christian beliefs (e.g., Trinity, Incarnation, Resurrection)	- To understanding the Christian concept of sin, including original sin and personal sin - Heaven and Hell	Debate religious and moral questions from a Christian perspective	- Engage with the concept of religious vocation and service - Explain the importance of

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	• Articulate personal responses to Christian beliefs around the creation story • To explaining the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection • Engage respectfully with diverse interpretations within Christianity	• Explain the role of free will in Christian moral decision-making • Analyse biblical teachings about sin and human nature (e.g., Genesis 3, Romans 5)	• Understand religious diversity within Christianity globally • To explore the impact of Christianity on history and culture • Grace vs Law	forgiveness, love, and compassion in Christianity • Use specialist vocabulary accurately and appropriately
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CYCLE B: Spring Term 1 & 2				
Subject Content	Islam Introduction to Islam	Islam Allah/ Prophets	Islam Angels	Families and Relationships The Nuclear family
Core Knowledge	Students will learn about the basic beliefs and practices of Islam, including the Five Pillars, the concept of Tawhid (the oneness of God), and the role of prophethood. They will compare core beliefs shared by Christianity and Islam, such as monotheism, the significance of	Students will study Islamic beliefs about Allah, including the concept of Tawhid, the 99 Names of Allah, and His qualities such as omnipotence and mercy. They will learn about the role and significance of key prophets in Islam, including Muhammad,	Students will learn about the role and nature of angels in Islam, including key figures such as Jibril, Mika'il, Israfil, and Azra'il. They will explore similarities and differences between Islamic and Christian beliefs about angels, gaining insight into how these spiritual	Students will study the Christian view of the nuclear family as a traditional and foundational unit of society. They will explore biblical teachings about family roles and responsibilities, such as those found in Ephesians

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	prophets, and their sacred scriptures. Additionally, students will explore the similarities and differences between the Bible and the Qur'an to deepen their understanding of both faiths.	Ibrahim, and Isa. Additionally, students will compare Christian and Islamic beliefs about God, focusing on differences such as the Christian Trinity and the Islamic Tawhid.	beings are understood in both faiths. Additionally, students will examine how beliefs about angels influence worship and behaviour in Islam and Christianity.	6:1–4. Additionally, students will evaluate the importance of marriage and parenthood within Christian belief, understanding how these shape family life and moral values.
Key Skills	- To understanding the basic beliefs and practices of Islam (e.g., the Five Pillars, Tawhid, prophethood) - Compare core beliefs in Christianity and Islam (e.g., monotheism, prophets, scriptures) - Recognise the similarities and differences between the Bible and the Qur'an	- Understand Islamic beliefs about Allah (e.g., Tawhid, 99 Names, omnipotence, mercy) - Recognise the role and importance of prophets in Islam (e.g., Muhammad, Ibrahim, Isa) - Compare Christian and Islamic beliefs about God (e.g., Trinity vs. Tawhid)	- Understand the role and nature of angels in Islam (e.g., Jibril, Mika'il, Israfil, Azra'il) - Recognise similarities and differences between Islamic and Christian beliefs about angels - Explore how beliefs about angels influence worship and behaviour in both religion	- Understand the Christian view of the nuclear family as a traditional and foundational unit - Explore biblical teachings about family roles and responsibilities (e.g., Ephesians 6:1–4) - Evaluate the importance of marriage and parenthood in Christian belief

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CYCLE B: Summer Term 1 & 2				
Subject Content	Religion, Peace and Conflict Nuclear Weapons	Families and Relationships Stability and Protection	Religion, Peace and Conflict War Theory	Religion, Peace and Conflict Terrorism
Core Knowledge	Students will explore Christian teachings on peace, war, and the sanctity of life. They will examine Christian arguments both for and against the use or possession of nuclear weapons. Additionally, students will evaluate whether the concept of nuclear deterrence aligns with Christian moral principles, developing critical thinking about ethical issues in modern conflict.	Students will learn about Christian teachings on stability and protection within society. They will explore the role of the Church in promoting social stability and safeguarding communities through its teachings and actions.	Students will study biblical teachings related to war, peace, and justice. They will evaluate various Christian views on the morality of war and violence, exploring the ethical dilemmas these pose. Additionally, students will compare the Just War Theory with Christian pacifism to understand differing approaches to conflict within the faith.	Students will learn about Christian teachings on violence, peace, and justice. They will explore Christian responses to terrorism, including its causes and consequences. Additionally, students will analyse the ethical implications of terrorism from a Christian perspective, considering how faith influences attitudes toward such acts.
Key Skills	- Understand Christian teachings on peace, war, and the sanctity of life - Explain Christian arguments for and against the use or	Understand Christian teachings about stability and protection in society	Explain biblical teachings related to war, peace, and justice	Understand Christian teachings on violence, peace, and justice

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	possession of nuclear weapons Evaluate whether nuclear deterrence aligns with Christian moral principle	Explain the role of the Church in promoting social stability and protection	- Evaluate Christian views on the morality of war and violence - Comparing Just War Theory with Christian pacifism	- Explain Christian responses to terrorism and its causes - Analyse the ethical implications of terrorism from a Christian perspective
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