

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOCABULARY PROGRESSION MAP

Exploring beliefs, big questions and the world around us
from Year 1 to Year 6.



THEOLOGY

Exploring beliefs, sacred texts and how they shape the way believers see the world.

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 Words children should already know Everyday words and ideas from life experience.	God, Christian, Christmas, Jesus, Bible	worship, tradition, symbol, thankfulness	worship, symbol, tradition	Bible, sacrifice	forgiveness, sacrifice, gospel	evidence
 Tier 2 Vocabulary Academic language used across subjects and for thinking.	tradition, worship	incarnation, salvation	revelation, recitation	authority, prophecy	redemption, eternal life	cosmology, theory
 Tier 3 Vocabulary Subject-specific words linked to religion and belief.	Judaism, Jewish, synagogue, Shabbat, Menorah, Challah Bread, Kiddush Cup, Zemirot, crucifixion, resurrection, salvation	Diwali, Hannukah, Menorah, Shabbat, Advent, Jesus	Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Allah, Islam, Muslim, Prophet, Muhammad, Qur'an, Shahadah, Tawhid, baptism, gospel	Commandments, Testament, Messiah, Incarnation	Crucifixion, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Resurrection, Salvation	Buddha, Karma, Nirvana, Samsara, Reincarnation, Dukkha, Eightfold Path, Genesis, Big Bang Theory, Evolution



PHILOSOPHY

Asking big questions about life, meaning, truth, right and wrong.

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 Words children should already know Everyday words and ideas from life experience.	care, God, Christian, creation, universe	belief, rules, wisdom	faith, reason, evidence	belief, rules	reason, evidence	reason, evidence
 Tier 2 Vocabulary Academic language used across subjects and for thinking.	religion, worship, origin	morality	wisdom, utilitarianism	truth, reality, evidence, proof	commitment, faith, reason, evidence	purpose, philosophy
 Tier 3 Vocabulary Subject-specific words linked to philosophical ideas and beliefs.	Hindu gods, Murti, Brahma, Mantra, Puja	Agnostic, Atheist, Theist, Allah, Brahman, Humanist	Hedonism, Humanism, Belief, Rules, Morality	Axiom, Burden of Proof, Supreme Truth, Waheguru, Ik Onkar, Ultimate Reality	Humanist, Christian, Atheist, Agnostic, Theist, Corporeal, Karma, Soul	Hedonism, Utilitarianism, Platonic, Soul, Saint, Hedonic Calculus



HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Understanding religions in the real world and their impact on people, communities and societies.

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 Words children should already know Everyday words and ideas from life experience.	celebration, Christian, Christmas, community, Easter, Muslim	belonging, faith	faith, belonging	faith, religion, world view	justice, peace	peace, justice
 Tier 2 Vocabulary Academic language used across subjects and for thinking.	religion	commitment, rite of passage	commitment, rite of passage	expression, architecture	conflict, impact	conflict, self-defence, justice
 Tier 3 Vocabulary Subject-specific words linked to religion, society and culture.	Passover, Pesach, Seder, Eid-ul-Adha, Eid-ul-Fitr, Muslim	Sikhism, Amrit, Judaism, Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah	Five Pillars, Shahadah, Salah, Zakat, Sawm, Hajj, Mosque, Muslim	Aniconism, Church, Mosque, Symbolic, Hinduism, Mandir, Temple, Dharma, Ahimsa, Karma	Bible, Qur'an, Jihad, Islamophobia, 'Holy' War, Just War Theory, Violence	Shia, Sunni, Sufi, Mecca, Medina, Ramadan, Jummah, Iman, Islamophobia



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Tier 2 Vocabulary
Academic language used across subjects and for thinking.



Tier 3 Vocabulary
Subject-specific words linked to religion, belief and culture.



We are curious.



We explore.



We understand.



We connect to our world.