

Spring Trust

R.E. Concept Development Map

*** There are key questions which are re-visited across year groups through different religions for comparison and embedding of concepts:*

Is God important to everyone?

Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion?

Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life?

Can the arts help communicate religious beliefs? Do religious people live better lives?

Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community?

Year Group	Unit	Concept	Development
EYFS	A1 special people	A1 Relationships (Believing/Behaving)	A1 What makes people special? What makes us special? Who could be your role model and why? What rules do we follow? What would happen if we had no rules? How do rules help us live together?
	A2 Christmas	A 2 Incarnation (Believing/Belonging)	A2 What is Christmas? Why do we give presents? How does the person feel who got the present? Why do Christians think Jesus is special? Why did the Wise Men visit Him? Why did they give Him these presents?
	Sp1 Faith celebrations	Sp1 Celebrating (Believing/Behaving)	Sp1 How do people celebrate? How would it feel to make these preparations? Why is New Year special/important? How do you think the people in the photographs are feeling?
	Sp2 Easter	Sp2 Salvation Celebrating (Believing/Behaving)	Sp2 What is Easter? What makes Easter special? Who is Easter special for? Why was Jesus praying? What do Christians believe was the miracle of Easter?
	Su1 Stories	Su1 Belief through stories (Believing/Belonging)	Su1 What can we learn from stories? What was the moral in the story? How did the character feel? How would you feel if that happened to you?

	Su2 Special places	Su2 Special places (Believing/Belonging)	Su2 What makes places special? What makes homes special? Where is a special place for you? Who is the church/mosque/synagogue special to? Why do we wear a school uniform? Why do Jews/Muslims wear special clothes in the synagogue/mosque?
1	A1 Creation A2 Christmas Sp1- Jesus as friend Sp2 Easter	A1 God/Creation (Believing/Behaving) A2 Incarnation Celebrating (Believing/Belonging) Sp1 Incarnation Relationships (Believing/Behaving) Sp2 Salvation Celebrating (Believing/Behaving)	A1 Does God want Christians to look after the world? Does the world belong to God? Should people take care of the world? How do you think people should treat the world? What do you believe about how the world was created? A2 What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem? What can I learn from stories from religious traditions? Are symbols better than words at expressing religious beliefs? Can you name a famous person who you think is a gift to the world? Why do Christians believe Jesus is a special gift from God to the world? Sp1- Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship? What can I learn from religious traditions? Should people follow religious leaders and teachings? How do you show friendship? Can you name a famous person who was a good friend? Did God help Jesus show friendship even when it was difficult? Sp2 Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday? Should people follow religious leaders and teachings? Are symbols better than words at expressing religious beliefs? Why would non-religious people have still welcomed Jesus? How should people be welcomed? Why did Jesus ride a donkey? Jesus arrived as a king, but did He leave as one? Who do you admire? Why?

<p>Sp1 – Passover</p>	<p>Sp1 Special relationships (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>Sp1 - How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do? Is God important to everyone? Should people follow religious leaders and teachings? What do we mean by 'respect'? Why was it important that the Jews did as God asked on the Passover night? How does the way Jews celebrate Passover tell us about how important it is for them to do as God asks? How would a non-religious person explain the events of the Passover?</p>
<p>Sp2 Easter</p>	<p>Sp2 Salvation Celebrating (Believing)</p>	<p>Sp2 How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after His crucifixion? What do you think happened to Jesus after the discovery of the empty tomb? How can we find out if Jesus did come back to life? What do you believe about life after death?</p>
<p>Su1 – Mosque</p>	<p>Su1 - Community and Belonging Special places (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>Su1 Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging? Does it feel special to belong? What happens in a mosque? What are the features of a mosque? Does it matter where Muslims pray? Why would Muslims want to go to mosque to pray instead of praying at home? How does this compare to your place of worship/special meeting place? How might a person show that they belong to a non-religious group?</p>
<p>Su2 - Pilgrimage Hajj</p>	<p>Su2 Commitment/pilgrimage Special places (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>Su2 Does completing Hajj make a person a better Muslim? Is God important to everyone? What makes a journey special? What is a pilgrimage? What does the word ummah/community mean? What are the five pillars of Islam?</p>

			<p>Is Hajj compulsory for every Muslim? How does Hajj compare to a visit to one of the wonders of the world?</p>
3	<p>A1 Divali</p> <p>A2 Christmas</p> <p>Sp1 Jesus' Miracles</p>	<p>A1 – Belonging Celebrating (Belonging)</p> <p>A2 – Incarnation Celebrating (Believing/Behaving)</p> <p>Sp1 – Incarnation (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>A1 Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child? Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community? What happens at home/temple during Divali? How do Hindus feel when they are involved in these celebrations? How does the celebration of Divali compare to Passover/your celebrations? What celebrations would help a non-religious person feel a sense of belonging?</p> <p>A2 - Has Christmas lost its true meaning? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life? Would a non-religious person or non-Christian person celebrate Christmas? What is the true meaning of Christmas for Christians? If you could give the world one gift to make it a better place, what would it be? What does having 'meaning' mean? How do Christmas celebrations compare to Divali/your celebrations?</p> <p>Sp1 Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life? What made it possible for Jesus to perform miracles? Why did Jesus want to heal people? How do non-believers explain Jesus' miracles? Were Jesus' miracles just stories to make people think Jesus was special/God on earth?</p>

	<p>Sp2 Easter</p>	<p>Sp2 – salvation & New Covenant Celebrating (Believing)</p>	<p>Was it possible that Jesus did make people better even though He wasn't a doctor? If you could perform one miracle for the world, what would it be?</p> <p>Sp2 What is 'good' about Good Friday? Should religious people be sad when someone dies? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? Can the arts help communicate religious beliefs? Who was Good Friday good for? If Jesus knew what was going to happen why didn't He leave that night? Why did He not run away? Why do Christians think Jesus died like this? What do the bread and wine symbolise? How do non-believers explain Jesus' resurrection? How would today's British Values have helped Jesus if he was alive now?</p>
	<p>Su1 Brahman</p>	<p>Su1 – Hindu Beliefs (Believing)</p>	<p>Su1 How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? Can the arts help communicate religious beliefs? How can you be the same person and have so many different roles? Why would one God need to be represented in different forms? Which deity would a Hindu pray for in different situations (e.g. for illness/to find love) What around the world may represent each of the deities? (e.g. the sea can represent Brahma, a storm - Shiva etc)</p>
	<p>Su2 Pilgrimage - River Ganges</p>	<p>Su2 – Commitment/pilgrimage Special places (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>Su2 Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu? Do religious people live better lives? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life? What makes a journey special? What is a pilgrimage? What does the word ummah/community mean? What are the five pillars of Islam?</p>

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4	<p>A1 – Jew’s relationship with God.</p> <p>A2 – Christmas</p> <p>Sp1 – Buddha</p>	<p>A1 Jewish beliefs and Practices Relationships (Believing/Belonging)</p> <p>A2 – Incarnation Celebrating (Believing/Belonging)</p> <p>Sp1 - Life of the Buddha Teachings (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>A1 - How special is the relationship Jews have with God? Do sacred texts have to be ‘true’ to help people understand their religion? Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community? Do Jewish people now still have this special relationship with God? What promise did the Jewish people make to God? How do the ten commandments link with our school rules? What agreements of law are all people expected to make in today’s society? Who might a non-Jewish person respect and have a special relationship with?</p> <p>A2 - What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today? Do sacred texts have to be ‘true’ to help people understand their religion? Can the arts help to communicate religious beliefs? What symbols are there in the Christmas story and what meaning do they have? What do each of these Christian symbols represent? – dove, cross, fish & candle flame. What do each of these Christmas symbols represent and what do they stand for: angel, star, wise men, gifts, manger, stable. What does a Christingle symbolise? What symbols are significant for a non-Christian or non-religious person?</p> <p>Sp1 - Is it possible for everyone to be happy? Do religious people lead better lives? Do all religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone’s life? Why did the Buddha sit under the Bodhi tree?</p>

			How might a special place affect the way a non-religious person lives their life?
5	<p>A1 Sikh way of life</p> <p>A2 Christmas</p> <p>Sp1 Sikh stories</p>	<p>A1 Commitment Relationships Special places (Believing/Behaving)</p> <p>A2 Incarnation Celebrating (Believing)</p> <p>Sp1 Beliefs and moral values Belief through stories (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>A1 - How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion? Do religious people lead better lives? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life? What key beliefs are highlighted through the 'Langar'? When/why do Sikhs travel to the Golden Temple? How does this compare to Hajj/a pilgrimage to the River Ganges/ a special journey you have undertaken? What do the 5 K's represent? How do the five Sikh beliefs compare to the five Buddhist morals? How does a traditional Sikh wedding compare to non-religious/other weddings?</p> <p>A2 Is the Christmas story true? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? What is an eye-witness account? Why can eye-witness accounts be different? Can you name different types of truth? e.g. historical, scientific, personal (beliefs). Which type of truth can be applied to the Christmas story? Name two sources that help us to learn about the Christmas story. Which books might be important to non-religious people? Was Jesus really born on the 25th December?</p> <p>Sp1 Are Sikh stories important today? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life? What does the Guru Granth Sahib teach Sikh's? What are the key messages within each of the Sikh stories? Do you think they are relevant in modern day society? What can Sikh stories teach non-religious people? Can you think of any times you have stood up for what you believe in?</p>

	<p>Sp2 Easter</p> <p>Su1 Sikh Prayer and Worship</p> <p>Su2 Christian prayer and worship</p>	<p>Sp2 Salvation Celebrating (Believing)</p> <p>Su1 Commitment (Believing/Belonging)</p> <p>Su2 Gospel Relationships Special places (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>Sp2 How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? What was God's plan for Jesus' life? Was Jesus aware of God's plan? How do Christians know that Jesus' life was planned by God? Can you give an example of martyrdom in history? How do non-religious people explain the life and death of Jesus?</p> <p>Su1 What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? Do all religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others? Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community? Is helping people a good way of Sikhs showing commitment to God? How does the way the holy book is treated show commitment to God? How does the Amrit ceremony compare to a Christian baptism/Christening? Is it a good idea to treat people equally even if you are not a Sikh?</p> <p>Su2 What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God? Do religious people lead better lives? Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community? Does attending church every Sunday show commitment to God? Should everybody live their lives by the rule 'to love thy neighbour as yourself?' Is praying necessary to show commitment to God? Can you name a famous Christian from the past who dedicated their lives to helping others to show their love/commitment to God? Why would a non-religious person want to dedicate their lives to helping others?</p>
6	A1 Muslim way of life	A1 Muslim Beliefs and Practices Relationships (Believing/Behaving)	A1 What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? Do religious people lead better lives? Do all religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others? How committed are you to certain things that you have belief in? What commitments might non-religious people make?

	<p>A2 Christmas celebrations and traditions</p>	<p>A2 Incarnation Celebrating (Believing)</p>	<p>Is one pillar of Islam more important than another? How do the 5 pillars compare to the commitments that Christians make?</p> <p>A2 Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? What are the key messages that we can learn from the Christmas story about the significance of Jesus' birth to Christians? Which Christmas traditions are relevant to this story? How have Christmas traditions changed over the years? How is Christian's belief in incarnation reflected in Christmas traditions/celebrations?</p>
	<p>Sp1 Eternity</p>	<p>Sp1 Salvation (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>Sp1 Is anything ever eternal? Should religious people be sad when someone dies? How well do funeral and mourning rituals tell you about what a religion believes and about what happens after death? What does eternity mean? How does a wedding ring symbolise eternity? What is meant by 'unconditional' love? Is going to heaven a Christian's only incentive for living a good life? Can a non-Christian/non-religious person go to Heaven? What do non-religious people believe about the soul?</p>
	<p>Sp2 Strength of Christianity</p>	<p>Sp2 Salvation & Gospel (Believing/Belonging/Behaving)</p>	<p>Sp2 Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth? Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion? Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life? What motivates non-religious people to do good in the world? Can you name an influential person from history/present day? What links do you see to Christianity in modern day Britain?</p>

	<p>Su1&2 Akhirah</p>	<p>Su1&2 Beliefs and moral values (Believing/Behaving)</p>	<p>Do our modern day laws link to the 10 commandments? Would it still be against the law to steal or murder if there were no 10 commandments?</p> <p>Su1&2 Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? Should religious people be sad when someone dies? Do religious people lead better lives? Do all religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others? Is belief in the afterlife the only reason why people live a good life? What do non-religious people believe about what happens after death? What do you think being 'righteous' means to Muslims? How does the Muslim view of the afterlife compare to Christian beliefs about eternity/what I believe? How has the Muslim term <i>Jihad</i> been represented in the media?</p>
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