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		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS (Rec)	<u>Time to celebrate*</u>	<u>What makes us special?</u>	<u>What are special times?</u>	<u>Why are some places special?</u>	<u>What makes the world special?</u>	<u>Why are some things special?</u>	<u>Why are some stories special?</u>
	Adaptable	Christian	Hindu, Christian	Christian, Muslim	Christian, Muslim	Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish	Christian,, Hindu
Year 1	Respectful R&W (1 lesson)	<u>How did the world begin?</u>	<u>What do some people believe God looks like?</u>	<u>What is God's job?</u>	<u>Why should we care for the world?</u>	<u>How do we know that new babies are special?</u>	<u>Why should we care for others?</u>
		Christian, Jewish, Hindu	Christian, Hindu, Muslim Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why is Christmas important to many Christians?</u>	Jewish, Zoroastrianist, Muslim, Hindu, Christian	Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Jain, Humanist Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why is Easter special to many Christians?</u>	Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Humanist	Sikh, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Humanist
Year 2		<u>Why do we need to give thanks?</u>	<u>What do candles mean to people?</u>	<u>How do we know some people feel a special connection to a god?</u>	<u>What is a prophet?</u>	<u>How do some people talk to God?</u>	<u>Where do some people talk to God?</u>
		Hindu, Christian, Humanist	Christian, Hindu, Jewish Additional celebration lesson: <u>What can light mean at Christmas?</u>	Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu	Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why does Easter bring hope to many Christians?</u>	Muslim, Jewish, Hindu	Hindu, Alevi, Muslim, Sikh

*The Time to celebrate unit has been designed to be used throughout the school year to celebrate festivals or celebrations relevant to your school community.

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Year 3	Respectful R&W (1 lesson)	<u>What makes us human?</u> Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, Humanist	<u>Where do our morals come from?</u> Christian/Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Humanist Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why do many Christians think that Christmas is good news?</u>	<u>Is scripture central to religion?</u> Jewish, Muslim, Christian,	<u>What happens if we do wrong?</u> Hindu, Muslim, Humanist, Christian, Jewish Additional celebration lesson: <u>What can Easter teach about forgiveness?</u>	<u>Why is water symbolic?</u> Christian, Sikh, Muslim, Shinto	<u>Why is fire used ceremonially?</u> Hindu/Sikh, Zoroastrianist
Year 4		<u>Are all religions equal?</u> Bahá'í, Sikh, Hindu	<u>What makes some texts sacred?</u> Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist Additional celebration lesson: <u>How is Christmas part of a bigger story?</u>	<u>Just how important are our beliefs?</u> Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Christian	<u>Who was Jesus really?</u> Christian, Jewish, Muslim Additional celebration lesson: <u>How is Easter celebrated around the world?</u>	<u>Why is the Bible the best-selling book of all time?</u> Christian	<u>Does the language of scripture matter?</u> Christian, Muslim, Jewish

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Year 5	Respectful R&W (1 lesson)	<u>Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?</u>	<u>Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?</u>	<u>What happens when we die? (Part 1)</u>	<u>What happens when we die? (Part 2)</u>	<u>Who should get to be in charge?</u>	<u>Why are some places in the world significant to believers?</u>
		Christian, Muslim, Sikh	Christian Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why do some people use different names for Jesus?</u>	Jewish, Christian, Muslim Humanist	Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh Additional celebration lesson: <u>What might the Easter story suggest about life after death?</u>	Muslim, Sikh, Christian	Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Sikh and Hindu
Year 6	Respectful R&W (1 lesson)	<u>Why does religion look different around the world? (Part 1)</u>	<u>Why does religion look different around the world? (Part 2)</u>	<u>Why is it better to be there in person?</u>	<u>Why is there suffering? (Part 1)</u>	<u>Why is there suffering? (Part 2)</u>	<u>What place does religion have in our world today?</u>
		Jewish, Muslim, Christian	Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain Additional celebration lesson: <u>Who celebrates Christmas?</u>	Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Humanist	Jewish, Christian, Zoroastrianist, Buddhist Additional celebration lesson: <u>Why might some people take part in Easter traditions?</u>	Shinto, Buddhist, Sikh Humanist	Multiple worldviews

EYFS (Reception)			
Autumn 1	<u>What makes us special?</u> (5 lessons)	Autumn 2	<u>What are special times?</u> (5 lessons)
	Exploring the different ways people are special. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, they learn about what makes themselves, people around them and in the community special. They learn that it is good for people to have different beliefs and ideas and that some Christian people believe in God and Jesus.		Discovering and comparing special times of Diwali and Christmas. Using pictures, videos, and storytelling, they explore the significance of these festivals and how they are celebrated. Learning about the traditions associated with Diwali and Christmas and discussing the importance of these celebrations in bringing communities together.
Spring 1	<u>Why are some places special?</u> (5 lessons)	Spring 2	<u>What makes the world special?</u> (5 lessons)
	Investigating what makes places special and significant to different people. Starting by discussing places that are special to them, they will learn about religious buildings and places of worship and discuss the importance of these places to others.		Exploring what makes the world around them special, children will learn why the world can be special to both themselves and others. Listening to other people's ideas about caring for the world and discussing reasons why this is important.
Summer 1	<u>Why are some things special?</u> (5 lessons)	Summer 2	<u>Why are some stories special?</u> (5 lessons)
	Discussing things that are special to them before looking at artefacts and images, children explore the meaning and value of these items to some people. They discuss how objects can hold personal or communal significance and learn to respect and appreciate these differences.		Listening to different stories, children will explore what they can learn about people's beliefs. They will understand that stories have the power to inspire and teach, encouraging people to do good things, which makes stories special.
<u>Time to celebrate</u> (6 lessons)			
Exploring the significance of various festivals, through stories, images and creative activities, they learn about the customs and meanings behind these celebrations. Allowing for personalisation, enabling teachers to incorporate festivals that are most relevant to the school community. Engaging in discussions and activities that highlight the importance of these special times in bringing people together and fostering a sense of community. Reflecting on their own experiences and sharing how they celebrate special occasions with their families.			

Year 1			
Autumn 1	<u>Respectful R&W</u> (1 lesson) Discussing whether they believe or do not believe certain statements to be true, children learn what believing in something means. The 'wonder box' is introduced as a way of sharing challenging questions.	Autumn 2	<u>What do some people believe God looks like?</u> (6 lessons) Looking at Islamic art, Hindu avatars and images of the Christmas story, children explore how different people understand God on Earth. They consider these representations when creating their own artwork and talk about why putting ideas about God into words and pictures is challenging.
	<u>How did the world begin?</u> (5 lessons) Exploring a range of creation stories in imaginative ways, children present their own ideas about creators and creation using art and language. They consider how creation stories help some people to understand what God is like.		
Spring 1	<u>What is God's job?</u> (6 lessons) Investigating the roles of God through stories and sacred texts, children examine the actions of God and what this means to some different people.	Spring 2	<u>Why should we care for the world?</u> (6 lessons) Building on their understanding of creation stories, children study quotes and religious stories about the relationship between humans and nature. They investigate why different people believe it is important to care for Earth.
Summer 1	<u>How do we know that new babies are special?</u> (6 lessons) Exploring different ceremonies to welcome home a new baby by examining quotes, videos, and pictures. Children investigate the symbolism in these ceremonies and seek connections between the ways people from diverse worldviews celebrate a new baby.	Summer 2	<u>Why should we care for others?</u> (6 lessons) Exploring stories and guidance that inspire people to care for others, examining the reasons behind these actions and their impact on people's lives. Children investigate different ways people show care and understand why giving to others is important.
Additional celebration lessons (optional)	Christmas <u>Why is Christmas important to so many Christians?</u> (1 lesson) Recognising why Christmas is important to Christians by exploring some of the ways it is celebrated.	Easter <u>Why is Easter special to many Christians?</u> (1 lesson) Exploring why Easter is a special time for many Christians and learning about the key events of the Easter story.	

Year 2			
Autumn 1	<u>Respectful R&W</u> (1 lesson)	Autumn 2	<u>What do candles mean to people?</u> (6 lessons)
	Exploring big questions relating to Religion and worldviews, children experience agreeing and disagreeing and come up with a class set of guidelines for showing respect in R&W lessons.		Investigating the many ways light is used in religious and worldview contexts, children explore different festivals through artwork and stories, focusing on candles. They use natural resources to create advent wreaths and explore different hanukiah to develop their understanding of the symbolism of candles during Hanukkah.
	<u>Why do we need to give thanks?</u> (5 lessons)		
	Using a range of sources including survey data, children learn the beliefs around using offerings to show gratitude. They get hands on with artefacts used during puja and write their own lyrics for a song of thanks.		
Spring 1	<u>How do we know some people feel a special connection to a god?. Would you be able to change it in any place you can find it?</u> (6 lessons)	Spring 2	<u>What is a prophet?</u> (6 lessons)
	Building on their understanding of how people perceive God on Earth, children listen to stories from diverse perspectives about the lives of significant religious figures. They explore how we recognise that some individuals are believed to have a special connection to God by searching for clues in religious stories and comprehending the symbolism within them.		Asking questions about the religious stories they read, children find out more about significant people like Abraham, Jonah, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad and Guru Nanak. They look for clues in religious stories and art to understand their characteristics and the promises some of these people shared with humanity. By investigating different perspectives and drawing connections, children create their own definition of what is a prophet.
Summer 1	<u>How do some people talk to God?</u> (6 lessons)	Summer 2	<u>Where do some people talk to God?</u> (6 lessons)
	Investigating the importance of communication in relationships, children examine the different ways people pray and why they consider this important. They explore the objects that some people use during prayer and consider how the whole body is sometimes used in prayer.		Expanding on their learning about prayer and worship, children examine buildings within their local area and beyond. Through investigating, they discover what the features of the buildings might reveal about people's beliefs about god. Children design their own place of worship based on their learning.
Additional celebration lessons (optional)	Christmas <u>What can light mean at Christmas?</u> (1 lesson)	Easter <u>Why does Easter bring hope to many Christians?</u> (1 lesson)	
	Investigating why light is important to some people at Christmas.	Recognising that Easter celebrates Jesus coming back to life and exploring how it gives many Christians hope.	

Year 3			
Autumn 1	<u>Respectful R&W</u> (1 lesson) Thinking about what religions and worldviews are, children will look at optical illusions and explore the lens that they and others look at the world through.	Autumn 2	<u>Where do we get our morals from?</u> (6 lessons) Reflecting on why people make choices about how to live a good life, children consider their views on what is right and wrong. They investigate how some Jewish people use a tallit to help them remember guidance and explore objects that others may use in a similar way. Children write their own moral code mini-book inspired by their learning in this unit.
	<u>What makes us human?</u> (5 lessons) Exploring ideas about spirituality, inner self and the soul, children interpret and use art to express beliefs about the soul and inner self and design a book cover and blurb for a book called 'What makes us human?'		
Spring 1	<u>Is scripture central to religion?</u> (6 lessons) Building on their learning about guidance in religious texts, children investigate how scripture is used and treated by different people. Using virtual or real-life visits to places of worship, they act as detectives to find evidence of place of scripture.	Spring 2	<u>What happens if we do wrong?</u> (6 lessons) Developing their previous learning about the role of god and moral guidance, children explore the meaning of consequences to different people. They design and play snakes and ladders style games to explore beliefs about reincarnation.
Summer 1	<u>Why is water symbolic?</u> (6 lessons) Exploring the many ways water is used in rituals and ceremonies, children explore the symbolic use of water and look at what stories from scripture suggest about water. From this, they create poetry to express ideas about the symbolism and significance of water. Children think about how people's beliefs about water's preciousness might affect their actions.	Summer 2	<u>Why is fire used ceremonially?</u> (6 lessons) Continuing to look at symbolism, children explore the use of fire in many ceremonies and as a symbol of remembrance. They create freeze frames of different Hindu fire ceremonies and design a candle to remember a particular person or event.
Additional celebration lessons (optional)	Christmas <u>Why do many Christians think that Christmas is good news?</u> (1 lesson) Considering how people in the nativity story would have reacted to the news of Jesus' birth.	Easter <u>What can Easter teach about forgiveness?</u> (1 lesson) Investigating a range of sources including the Easter story, bible quotes and personal responses to find out what Easter can teach about forgiveness.	

Year 4			
Autumn 1	<u>Respectful R&W</u> (1 lesson)	Autumn 2	<u>What makes some texts sacred?</u> (6 lessons)
	Thinking about what religions and worldviews are and exploring the ways the world can be seen. Children debate statements on discussion cards and create guidelines about how have healthy and respectful discussions.		Building on enquiry about the place of scripture in year 3, children look at different ways scriptures are used and what this shows about the value placed on them. They experience how the Guru Granth Sahib is treated like royalty and analyse information collaboratively.
	<u>Are all religions equal?</u> (5 lessons)		
Exploring the origins of religions, children explore geographical and historical links and connections between some religions. They investigate Sikh and Bahá'í beliefs and practices that reflect unity and equality to plan a promotional video, poster or slide show for World Religion Day.			
Spring 1	<u>Just how important are our beliefs?</u> (6 lessons)	Spring 2	<u>Who was Jesus really?</u> (6 lessons)
	Finding out how people show commitment to their beliefs, children ask questions about why people choose to demonstrate the importance of their beliefs in certain ways. They use photographs, personal responses and information texts to explore ceremonies of commitment, diet, charity and clothing.		Using accounts from the Bible, children explore how Jesus was represented and viewed by different people during his life. They learn about his ministry and reflect on how the parables he shared and the miracles some Christians believe he performed are interpreted by different people. Through the Easter story, pupils also examine the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection to many Christians.
Summer 1	<u>Why is the Bible the bestselling book of all time?</u> (6 lessons)	Summer 2	<u>Does the language of scripture matter?</u> (6 lessons)
	Using historical skills and knowledge, children explore how the Christian Bible that exists today developed. They look at the different types of writing within the Bible and when it was written. Pupils find out how some Christians use their Bibles and present their ideas as marketers of the Bible.		Expanding on their understanding of the importance and place of scripture, children find out about the different languages scriptures are used in and what this reveals about different beliefs. They try their hands at Arabic calligraphy and retell the story of different diasporas using a map.
Additional celebration lessons (optional)	Christmas <u>How is Christmas part of a bigger story?</u> (1 lesson)	Easter <u>How is Easter celebrated around the world?</u> (1 lesson)	
	Exploring the importance of Christmas to many Christians based on events before and after the birth of Jesus.	Investigating Easter celebrations to find out how Easter is celebrated across the world and why theses traditions are important to some communities.	

Year 5			
Autumn 1	<u>Respectful R&W</u> (1 lesson) Learning the terms atheist, agnostic and theist, children consider the similarities and differences between religious and non-religious worldviews and interview their peers.	Autumn 2	<u>Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?</u> (6 lessons) Exploring the spread of Christian beliefs worldwide, children will look at how geography and history influenced Christian practices. By examining Bible stories, historical accounts, and first-hand experiences, they will investigate why, despite sharing the same fundamental beliefs, Christian practices vary in the UK and around the world. They will role-play as people from the past to understand why Pentecost was a pivotal moment in the development of Christianity.
	<u>Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?</u> (5 lessons) Thinking about religious freedom, children use historical and modern-day examples of people, such as Guy Fawkes, who have fought for their beliefs. They use debate and critical analysis activities to discuss controversial issues.		
Spring 1	<u>What happens when we die? Part 1</u> (6 lessons) Interpreting different sources of wisdom and beliefs about what happens when we die, children find out what different people from Abrahamic and non-religious perspectives do to mark someone's death. They explore how this is linked with beliefs about the afterlife through scripture, poems and readings and consider the concepts of heaven and hell through art.	Spring 2	<u>What happens when we die? Part 2</u> (6 lessons) Continuing to investigate concepts relating to death, children learn the meaning of reincarnation and enlightenment and compare these ideas with those studied in part 1. They create a visual representation of enlightenment, incorporating their own beliefs and those of different worldviews.
Summer 1	<u>Who should get to be in charge?</u> (6 lessons) Investigating how different religions choose their leaders, children explore how family links and personal qualities can influence who is chosen. They consider religious and non-religious laws, special messages (revelation) and personal traits when thinking about what makes a good leader.	Summer 2	<u>Why are some places in the world significant to believers?</u> (6 lessons) Using maps, pictures and texts, children investigate why some places are significant to some religions. They explore why this has sometimes led to conflicts and what these places can reveal about beliefs and culture. Acting as visitors, they examine primary sources and what these can tell us about the past and significance.
Additional celebration lessons (optional)	Christmas <u>Why do some people use different names for Jesus?</u> (1 lesson) Investigating the different names and titles used for Jesus and what these mean for some Christians.	Easter <u>What might the Easter story suggest about life after death?</u> (1 lesson) Exploring the symbolism of Jesus' resurrection, the children consider beliefs about death and how the Easter story can bring comfort to many Christians.	

Year 6			
Autumn 1	<u>Respectful R&W</u> (1 lesson) Exploring the way different religions describe their god(s), children learn about words stemming from the prefix 'omni' and create designs to remember these.	Autumn 2	<u>Why does religion look different around the world? Part 2</u> (6 lessons) Building on their learning in part 1, children consider how interpretation can change how people practise their religion and worldview. They think about the influence culture, history, geography and tradition have on how religion looks in different places and challenge their perceptions. After exploring why there are different Buddhist schools, they compare a range of practices by experiencing some of them in the classroom.
	<u>Why does religion look different around the world? Part 1</u> (5 lessons) Building on comparisons about the origins of the Abrahamic religions, children discover how some religious practices are observed. They consider how culture, tradition, migration and interpretation can affect how someone practices their religion.		
Spring 1	<u>Why is it better to be there in person?</u> (6 lessons) Thinking back to previous learning about prayer and worship, children find out about significant journeys and pilgrimages and why visiting a particular place is so important to some people. They investigate the challenges of pilgrimage experiences and consider whether it is better to visit a place in person.	Spring 2	<u>Why is there suffering? Part 1</u> (6 sessions) Discussing suffering, sin and free will, children find out what people from different worldviews think about this challenging question. Through analysing stories and texts, they explore why some people turn to God in times of suffering whereas others take it as evidence that God does not exist.
Summer 1	<u>Why is there suffering? Part 2</u> (6 lessons) Deepening their understanding of suffering, children explore alternative ideas about and responses to suffering through texts and stories. They consider how people might respond to suffering and how their reactions are influenced by their worldview.	Summer 2	<u>What place does religion have in our world today?</u> (6 lessons) Exploring their own worldview and the religious composition of their class, children use census data and digital mapping to investigate what these can suggest about religion and its limitations. They consider the importance of freedom of religion or belief and how Religion and worldviews lessons can help them become better citizens in the future.
Additional celebration lessons (optional)	Christmas <u>Who celebrates Christmas?</u> (1 lesson) Investigating what Christmas means to some people and how this can influence what happens during the Christmas period.		Easter <u>Why might some people take part in Easter traditions?</u> (1 lesson) Considering the impact of different Easter traditions and practices, the children discuss how symbolism, connection to God, and a sense of community are reflected.