



Overview of RE aims (below)
and elements taught
throughout the school

	R (Discovering)	Y1/2 (Exploring)	Y3/4 (Connecting)	Y5/6 (Connecting)	
Skills Progressions 'RE Today Services'	Aim 1: <u>Make sense of a range of religious and non-religious beliefs, so that they can:</u> Identifying and making sense of core religious and non-religious beliefs and concepts; understanding what these beliefs mean within their traditions; recognising how and why sources of authority (such as texts) are used, expressed and interpreted in different ways, and developing skills of interpretation.				Routes to resilience School Values
	Aim 2: <u>Understand the impact and significance of religious and non-religious beliefs, so that they can:</u> Examining how and why people put their beliefs into action in diverse ways, within their everyday lives, within their communities and in the wider world.				
	Aim 3: <u>Make connections between religious and non-religious beliefs, concepts, practices and ideas studied, so that they can:</u> Evaluating, reflecting on and connecting the beliefs and practices studied; allowing pupils to challenge ideas studied, and the ideas studied to challenge pupils' thinking; discerning possible connections between these and pupils' own lives and ways of understanding the world.				

RE in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Children in EYFS should encounter religious and non-religious worldviews through special people, books, times, places and objects and by visiting places of worship. They should listen to and talk about stories. Children can be introduced to subject-specific words and use all their senses to explore beliefs, practices and forms of expression. They ask questions and reflect on their own feelings and experiences. They use their imagination and curiosity to develop their appreciation of, and wonder at, the world in which they live.

In line with the DfE's new 2020 EYFS Profile schools are to plan RE which, through purposeful play and a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activity, provides these opportunities for pupils.

Prime area: Communication and Language.

RE enables children to:

- Develop their spoken language through quality conversation in a language-rich environment, gaining new vocabulary about religion and worldviews
- Engage actively with stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems from the RE field, taking opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts
- Share their ideas via conversation, storytelling and role play, responding to support and modelling from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate their thoughts in the RE field
- Become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures in relation to RE content.
- Offer explanations and answers to 'why' questions about religious stories, non-fiction, rhymes, songs and poems.

Prime area: Personal, Social and Emotional Development. *RE enables children to:*

- Observe and join in warm and supportive relationships with adults and learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others
- Manage emotions and develop a positive sense of self, understanding their own feelings and those of others e.g. through religious story
- Talk and think about simple values as they learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peacefully

- Notice and respond to ideas about caring, sharing and kindness from RE content including stories, sayings and songs.

Prime area: Physical Development. *RE enables children to:*

- Use and develop their motor skills through RE based arts and craft activities and, for example, small world play, visual representations of their ideas and thoughts, role play

Specific area: Literacy. *RE enables children to:*

- Build their abilities in language comprehension through talking with adults about the world around them, including the world of religion and belief
- Engage with stories and non-fiction in RE settings and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together.
- Build their skills in RE-related word reading, recognizing religious words and discovering new vocabulary in relation to religions and worldviews
- Articulate ideas and use RE examples to write simple phrases or sentences that can be read by others.

Specific area: Mathematics. *RE enables children to:*

- Develop their spatial reasoning skills, noticing shape, space and measures in relation to RE content
- Look for patterns and relationships and spot connections, sorting and ordering objects simply.

Specific area: Understanding the World.

RE enables children to:

- Make sense of their physical world and their community, e.g. on visits to places of worship, or by meeting members of religious communities
- Listen to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems to foster understanding of our culturally, socially and ecologically diverse world.

- Extend their knowledge and familiarity with words that support understanding of religion and belief
- Talk about the lives of people around them, understanding characters and events from stories.
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read and experienced in class.
- Explore the natural world around them making observations of animals and plants, environments and seasons, making space for responses of joy, wonder, awe and questioning.

Specific area: Expressive Arts and Design.

RE enables children to:

- Develop artistic and cultural awareness in relation to RE materials in relation to art, music, dance, imaginative play, and role-play and stories to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings.
- Build their imagination and creativity by exploring and playing with a wide range of media and materials using RE content, responding in a variety of ways to what they see, hear, smell, touch and taste.
- See, hear and participate in a wide range of examples of religious and spiritual expression, developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts.
- Create work drawing from religions and beliefs with a variety of materials and tools, sharing their creations and explaining the meaning of their work.
- Adapt and recount religious stories inventively, imaginatively and expressively, and sing, perform and learn from well-known songs in RE imaginatively and expressively.



	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
<p>The RE Today Syllabus has three core elements (below), which are woven together to provide breadth and balance within teaching and learning about religion and beliefs, underpinning the aims of RE. These three elements allow for an overlap to occur to suit to religion, concept and question being explored. This spiral curriculum design allows for children to revisit and build upon previously learnt elements/outcomes throughout their time in school. Each unit of work will include an outcome from each of the elements detailed below.</p>			
<p>Element 1: Making sense of beliefs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify core beliefs and concepts studied and give a simple description of what they mean • give examples of how stories show what people believe (e.g. the meaning behind a festival) • give clear, simple accounts of what stories and other texts mean to believers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts studied • make clear links between texts/ sources of authority and the core concepts studied • offer informed suggestions about what texts/sources of authority can mean and give examples of what these sources mean to believers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts studied • make clear links between texts/ sources of authority and the core concepts studied • offer informed suggestions about what texts/sources of authority can mean and give examples of what these sources mean to believers
<p>Element 2: Understanding the impact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give examples of how people use stories, texts and teachings to guide their beliefs and actions • give examples of ways in which believers put their beliefs into practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make simple links between stories, teachings and concepts studied and how people live, individually and in communities • describe how people show their beliefs in how they worship and in the way they live • identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make clear connections between what people believe and how they live, individually and in communities • using evidence and examples, show how and why people put their beliefs into practice in different ways, e.g. in different communities, denominations or cultures
<p>Element 3: Making connections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • think, talk and ask questions about whether the ideas they have been studying, have something to say to them • give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • think, talk and ask questions about whether the ideas they have been studying, have something to say to them • give a good reason for the views they have and the connections they make 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make connections between the beliefs and practices studied, evaluating and explaining their importance to different people (e.g. believers and atheists) • reflect on and articulate lessons people might gain from the beliefs/ practices studied, including their own responses, recognising that others may think differently • consider and weigh up how ideas studied in this unit relate to their own experiences and experiences of the world today, developing insights of their own and giving good reasons for the views they have and the connections they make



RE Coverage

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Christianity			
			Hinduism
	Islam		
	Judaism		
			Non- religious world views
Thematic			



Impact – How well are we achieving our aims?

Impact seen in:

Teacher Assessment	Pupil Voice	Moderation
Work scrutiny	Parental surveys and feedback	Observations
Blinks	Progress of pupils across the curriculum	Staff Questionnaires

Our children will:

Making great progress and have high standards of achievement and attainment	Have a lifelong love of reading and learning and be able to communicate clearly	Be respectful of themselves, believe in themselves and demonstrate excellent behaviour
Be confident, positive and independent learners with high aspirations	Have mental wellbeing and make healthy lifestyle choices	Participate in the community and have excellent attendance

Work Sample Analysis:	What do our books show?
Lesson Observations:	How is the quality of teaching, learning and use of assessment in the lesson? How good is the questioning in the lesson?
Surveys:	What do parents and children say about this subject?
Interviews:	What do the children say about their learning in this subject? What do the staff say about their learning in this subject?
Coaching and Mentoring:	Is there a need for coaching and mentoring in this subject? What support do colleagues need in this subject?
Training:	What training has taken place? What is the impact of any training given?
Learning environment:	How does the learning environment support the learning in this subject area?