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The mapping document that follows compares:

1. the pedagogies (teaching approaches)
2. the 'which religion/belief system when?' requirements
3. the subject knowledge content and
4. the assessment process

Introduction

Discovery RE is a set of detailed medium-term plans for RE from Years F1/2 to Year 6. It adopts an enquiry based approach to teaching and learning. Christianity is taught in every year group, with Christmas and Easter given new treatment each year, developing the learning in a progressive way. Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism are also covered. Humanist perspectives are added when appropriate in some enquiries. Each enquiry unit demands the equivalent of 6 lessons, but teaching time could be blocked over perhaps 3 half days to enhance learning. Each enquiry has a learning objective which shows the learning over the enquiry and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) development opportunities are mapped throughout as is each enquiry's contribution to the British Values agenda.

1. The pedagogies (teaching approaches)

Discovery RE is an enquiry-based approach to Religious Education, a different enquiry for every half-term (6 per year) focusing on one religion at a time.

The aim is to deepen children's critical thinking skills through greater subject knowledge and also to allow their own spiritual development.

Each enquiry has a big enquiry question e.g. What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? and this is explored with a 4-step process:

Engagement (How can I relate to the underpinning concept in my own world?)

Investigation (What do I need to learn about the religion in order to answer the big question)

Evaluation (How well can I apply this knowledge to the big question using critical thinking/evaluation skills?)

Expression (Can I express what difference this enquiry has made to me, my thinking and my starting point?)

The agreed syllabus for Cumbria is an enquiry based syllabus. It states that

'Enquiry is integral to the process of teaching and learning in RE so pupils are encouraged and challenged to question and be curious about the meaning, purpose and value of life.'

The syllabus stipulates three aims of RE, these enable young people to be

A – Informed

B – Expressive

C – Enquiring and Reflective

Discovery RE, with its enquiry model, is an ideal vehicle to help deliver the aims of the Cumbria syllabus



2. Which religion/s when?

Discovery RE

Christianity in every year group with one other religion each year from: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

Discovery RE studies Christianity in every year group with a spiral developmental approach, Christmas and Easter being given different treatment each year to deepen understanding.

Most year groups then have a choice of which other religion to study alongside Christianity, meaning that it is possible to enable children to encounter all 6 principal religions by the end of Key Stage 2 (11 years old)

Year 1 Christianity plus Judaism

Year 2 Christianity plus Judaism OR Islam

Year 3 Christianity plus Hinduism OR Sikhism

Year 4 Christianity plus Judaism OR Buddhism

Year 5 Christianity plus Hinduism OR Sikhism (whichever was not taught in Year 3)

Year 6 Christianity plus Islam

As Discovery RE is medium term planning it is perfectly possible to move planning between adjacent year groups and differentiate accordingly. If this is done then all the enquiries for the specific religion should be moved to the other year group, not just one or two.

Which religions when in the Cumbria agreed syllabus?

The Cumbria syllabus stipulates the following coverage:

Christianity should be studied throughout each Key Stage

The other 5 principal religions represented in Britain should be studied across the Key Stages.

They are split into 2 groups,

Group A - Judaism and Islam

Group B - Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism

By the end of KS2 pupils should have an adequate understanding of at least 3 religions

During the Foundation Stage learners should experience enquiry-based RE-related activities from a range of religions

Key Stage 1 - Pupils study Christianity and one other principal religion from Group A or B. Knowledge of aspects of other religions and world views will also feature

Key Stage 2 - Pupils study Christianity plus the same other principal religion encountered in Key Stage 1. They also study a different religion from the group not studied so far. Knowledge of aspects of other religions and world views, especially those with a local presence will also feature.

Discovery RE gives opportunities for Christianity to be studied in every year group and enquiries into the other 5 principal religions to be selected at each school's discretion. It thus provides the coverage and flexibility needed to meet the Cumbria syllabus requirements.

3. Subject Knowledge content

The overview grid below shows the themes and key content covered in each Discovery RE enquiry to make it easier for you to see how your syllabus content fits in.

See Overview Grid.

The Cumbria syllabus states that the content for RE should be delivered through an enquiry based approach highlighting key concepts with key questions (not specified) to be investigated. This runs through all the Key Stages.



At the Foundation Stage Pupils should encounter religions and beliefs through special people, books, stories, times, places and objects and by visiting places of worship

Discovery RE also uses an enquiry based model.

During the Foundation Stage Discovery RE covers aspects of RE through big questions which focus on areas like special people, places, times and stories – this is consistent with the Cumbria syllabus. An example of the aligned coverage is shown below.

Some of the Foundation Stage big questions in Discovery RE are:

What can we learn from stories?

How do people celebrate?

These would fit well with the Cumbria recommendations on special stories and times.

At Key Stage 1, the Cumbria syllabus specifies that pupils should develop their knowledge and understanding of religions and worldviews, recognising their local, national and global contexts. Pupils study Christianity and one of the other principal five religions. A list of concepts to be studied across the Key Stages is included but choice is given as to when and where these are covered.

The list of concepts for Christianity is

1. Covenant
2. Fall
3. Forgiveness
4. Gospel
5. Incarnation
6. Relationship with God
7. Repentance
8. Salvation
9. Trinity
10. Creation

In the Discovery RE Key Stage 1 enquiries, children study Christianity and one or two other religions specifically Judaism and/or Islam. The religious concepts listed above in the Cumbria syllabus are encountered throughout Discovery RE.

To give an example, the Cumbria 'Creation' concept would fit with the Year 1 Discovery RE enquiry 'Does God want Christians to look after the world?'

At Key Stage 2 Pupils study Christianity plus the same other principal religion encountered in Key Stage 1. They also study a different religion from the group not studied. The syllabus states that

pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding of religions and worldviews, recognising their local, national and global contexts

The Cumbria syllabus includes a list of concepts for each principal religion to be covered across the Key Stages and gives some examples to give a flavour of the content. Choice is given to schools how and when they deliver content.

Discovery RE provides material covering content for the six principal religions up to the end of Key Stage 2. As this includes all the religions recommended in the syllabus, Cumbria schools would have the content they need in Discovery RE to help fulfil the syllabus requirements.



Many of the Key Stage 2 concepts in the Cumbria syllabus are reflected in Discovery RE content; some examples of this would be

- Christianity – The concept 'Forgiveness' would fit well with the Discovery RE enquiry 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'
- Islam – The concept 'Jihad' would fit well with the Discovery RE enquiry 'Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?'
- Hinduism – The concepts 'Karma, Samsara and Moksha' would fit well with the Discovery RE enquiry 'Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?'

These are just included just to give an example; other units are listed in the overview.

Cumbria schools would have plenty of choice in using Discovery RE material and would be able to cover the recommended religious concepts. Some areas may need to be topped up to ensure total coverage, however Discovery RE offers a framework that this content could be delivered in.

Please compare to the overview grid below.

4. The assessment process

Assessment in Discovery RE

Mindful that the majority of agreed syllabi for RE around the country used to align themselves to the 2 attainment target and 8-level scale system of assessing children's RE learning, the original edition of Discovery RE followed this pattern in order to be of service to teachers.

Some people are still obliged to follow agreed syllabi containing this system, so Discovery RE continues to reference the 2 attainment targets (albeit teasing out the different aspects of AT2).

However, mindful of the educational landscape 'beyond levels', we also offer an alternative colour-coded system:

- End of key stage age-related expectations for KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2. This is similar to the RE Council non-statutory framework for RE (2013) which also suggests end of KS3 expectations, summarised as: (Abridged NCFRE showing the 3 strands A, B and C. (For Curriculum Framework for RE, just Google).

End of Key Stage colour-coded descriptors in Discovery RE

<p>"WORKING AT" expectation.</p> <p>Most children are expected to reach these expectations.</p>	<p>GREEN DESCRIPTORS</p> <p>Personal resonance with or reflection on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept / belief underlying the subject matter of the enquiry Child's own thoughts, opinions, belief, empathy. 	<p>BLUE DESCRIPTORS</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of the subject matter of that enquiry (subject knowledge)</p>	<p>RED DESCRIPTORS</p> <p>Skills of evaluation and critical thinking in relation to the big enquiry question</p>
<p>End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2, Age 7, 'old' Level 2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can tell you / talk about what concepts like belonging, commitment, kindness, forgiveness mean to me in my world I can verbalise and / or express my own thoughts 	<p>I can recall facts about the religions / beliefs I have studied, begin to use the religious vocabulary and start to explain the significance and meaning of the facts, practices etc.</p>	<p>I can start to think through the enquiry question using some facts and am beginning to see there could be more than one answer.</p>
<p>End of LOWER key Stage 2 (Year 4, Age 9, 'old' Level 3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can tell you / talk about the concept / belief e.g. belonging and start to relate this to the people I am studying e.g. Jews. I can express my own opinions and start to support them with rationale. 	<p>I can recall facts about religions I have studied, select the facts that are most significant to the enquiry and start to explain their relevance / importance.</p>	<p>I can apply my knowledge to the enquiry question and give an answer supported by one or more facts.</p>
<p>End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6, Age 11, 'old' Level 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain how the concept / belief e.g. forgiveness resonates in my own life and can also see this might be different for other people because of their religion/ beliefs I can express my own thoughts etc having reflected on them in relation to other people's. 	<p>I can recall facts about religions and explain differences in practice and interpretation within and between religions / belief systems.</p>	<p>I can weigh up evidence and different arguments / aspects relevant to the enquiry question and express my answer, supported with evidence / rationale.</p>

- 3 age-related expectation descriptors for each enquiry in each year group. These expectations (working AT, TOWARDS and BEYOND) give guidance for assessing each of the 3 aspects of learning involved and made explicit in Discovery RE. Schools can, of course, use the language of their choice to describe these expectations (e.g. developing, secure, exceeding) in order to ensure RE is in line with the school's system.

The 3 aspects of learning are colour-coded:

Green: personal resonance with or reflection on... (formerly AT2 personal)

Blue: knowledge and understanding of... (formerly AT1)

Red: evaluation/critical thinking in relation to the enquiry question (formerly AT2 impersonal).

This colour coding runs through the planning and activity sheets so the teacher can see which activity is focused on which aspect of learning, and follow this through in the expectation descriptors (Working TOWARDS, Working AT and Working BEYOND) and in the exemplification. This will make it easier to link teaching with learning outcomes, as RE is a complex subject to assess.

Year 3 Summer 2	What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?	Comments
WORKING TOWARDS (Level 2)	<p>I can talk about different ways that I show commitment.</p> <p>I can talk about some ways Sikhs show commitment to God.</p> <p>I can show an understanding that Sikhs choose different levels/types of commitment and that's OK.</p>	
Year 3 expectation WORKING AT (Level 3)	<p>I can start to evaluate the ways I show more or less commitment and can talk about when showing commitment may be difficult for me.</p> <p>I can describe some of the ways Sikhs show commitment to God, using correct language and vocabulary.</p> <p>I can start to evaluate which ways may show more or less commitment to God for Sikhs.</p>	
WORKING BEYOND (Level 4)	<p>I can explain that there are many different ways I can show commitment to people or to my goals and can show an understanding that I may have different levels of commitment to different things.</p> <p>I can explain how Sikhs have a range of ways to show commitment to God and understand that some of these will be more significant to some Sikhs than others.</p> <p>I can start to express my own opinion about which ways may express more commitment than others for Sikhs.</p>	

Assessment process in the syllabus

The Cumbria Agreed Syllabus measures pupil attainment in line with three aims and includes progression statements which enable teachers to make judgements at the end of Key Stages 1-3

The three aims are listed as

A – Know about and Understand

B – Express and Communicate

C – Gain and Deploy Skills

Each aim is divided into three parts

Discovery RE 3rd edition, being conscious of the variety of assessment models used in schools, has developed a colour-coded assessment process with 3 age-related expectations ('working towards', 'working at' and 'working beyond') for the end of each enquiry as well as summary descriptors at the end of each Key Stage. This is to keep in line with recent developments in assessment which have moved away from attainment targets and the eight-level scale. Discovery RE does, however, still cross-reference to the Attainment Targets 1 and 2 and eight level scale used in many older syllabi.

To summarise: How well will Discovery RE serve your syllabus?

Looking back over the 4 points of comparison it is clear that Discovery RE could help schools deliver the Cumbria syllabus.

1. Pedagogies

Discovery RE, using an enquiry approach throughout, would support one of the aims of the Cumbria syllabus 'to be challenged to question and be curious about the meaning, purpose and value of life.

2. Which religions when?

Christianity is taught in each year group. Cumbria schools need to study aspects of at least two other principal religions in depth up to Key Stage 2. As Discovery RE includes enquiries on the 6 principal religions, Cumbria schools would be able to use Discovery RE to meet their requirements.



3. Subject knowledge

The key concepts listed in the Cumbria syllabus show significant overlap with Discovery RE enquiries, especially in relation to key beliefs and practices, belonging to a faith community and the way that commitment impacts on daily life. With a few subtle additions Discovery RE could provide the framework to deliver the Cumbria syllabus

4. Assessment

The end of Key Stage expectation descriptors developed in Discovery RE recognise the developments nationally to assess 'beyond levels'. The Cumbria syllabus also offers end of Key Stage progression statements for teachers to measure against. Cumbria schools could use the Discovery RE assessments to help them fulfil their assessment requirements.

Support for Discovery RE schools

www.discoveryschemeofwork.com

We offer the website to Discovery RE users as an ongoing hub of support. People are welcome to contribute. Termly newsletters, fresh articles and additional resources are added regularly. Alerts are sent out via email.

We do our best to offer ongoing support to schools using Discovery RE by:

- Offering each school a mentor, always on hand to answer any questions and offer support and advice
- Giving password-protected access to the Discovery RE Community Area on the website (the login details will be sent via email)
- Termly newsletters including updates and more teaching/learning ideas

Our Philosophy

Our belief is that, using an enquiry-based model well, children's critical thinking skills can be developed, their motivation to learn increased, and their knowledge and understanding of, and empathy with people and their beliefs, religious or otherwise, will be enhanced.

This approach takes very seriously the philosophy that children are free to make their own choices and decisions concerning religion and belief. RE does not try to persuade but rather to inform and develop the skills with which evaluation can take place.

Discovery RE uses a four-step enquiry model -

The four steps are: Engagement, Investigation, Evaluation and Expression

These steps allow for an enquiry based learning experience that starts in the child's own world, takes them on a journey into the world of religion and challenges them to think evaluatively about big questions, before reflecting on and expressing their own thoughts. It lends itself to independent work, small and whole group work and a wide range of exciting teaching and learning opportunities. Discovery RE embraces the need to challenge and extend children individually whilst encouraging skills of reflection and empathy.

Discovery RE is a thoughtful and creative set of RE planning for the whole Primary school, F1/2 to Year 6. We hope it makes teachers' lives easier and short-cuts the planning process, freeing them to design exciting and challenging teaching/learning activities for each lesson/enquiry.

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Overview Years F1/2 to Year 6



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
F1/2	Theme: Special People Key Question: What makes people special? Religions: Christianity, Judaism	Theme: Christmas Concept: Incarnation Key Question: What is Christmas? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Celebrations Key Question: How do people celebrate? Religions: Hinduism	Theme: Easter Concept: Salvation Key Question: What is Easter? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Stories Key Question: What can we learn from stories? Religions: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism	Theme: Special Places Key Question: What makes places special? Religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism



1	Theme: Creation Story Concept: God/Creation Key Question: Does God want Christians to look after the world? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Christmas Concept: Incarnation Key Question: What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Jesus as a friend Concept: Incarnation Key Question: Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Easter - Palm Sunday Concept: Salvation Key Question: Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Shabbat Key Question: Is Shabbat important to Jewish children? Religion: Judaism	Theme: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Key Question: Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children? Religion: Judaism
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There is an additional optional Judaism enquiry at the end of the Year 1 section: Does celebrating Chanukah make Jewish children feel closer to God?

2	Theme: What did Jesus teach? Key Question: Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Christmas - Jesus as gift from God Concept: Incarnation Key Question: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world? Religion: Christianity	Theme: Passover Key Question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do? Religion: Judaism Theme: Prayer at home Key Question: Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/her everyday life? Religion: Islam	Theme: Easter - Resurrection Concept: Salvation Key Question: How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after His crucifixion? Religion: Christianity	Theme: The Covenant Key Question: How special is the relationship Jews have with God? Religion: Judaism Theme: Community and Belonging Key Question: Does going to a Mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging? Religion: Islam	Theme: Rites of Passage and good works Key Question: What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God? Religion: Judaism Theme: Hajj Key Question: Does completing Hajj make a person a better Muslim? Religion: Islam
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Overview Years F1/2 to Year 6

3	<p>Theme: Divali</p> <p>Key Question: Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?</p> <p>Religion: Hinduism</p>	<p>Theme: Christmas</p> <p>Concept: Incarnation</p> <p>Key Question: Has Christmas lost its true meaning?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>Theme: Jesus' Miracles</p> <p>Concept: Incarnation</p> <p>Key Question: Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>Theme: Easter - Forgiveness</p> <p>Concept: Salvation</p> <p>Key Question: What is 'good' about Good Friday?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>*Theme: Hindu Beliefs</p> <p>Key Question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?</p> <p>Religion: Hinduism</p>	<p>*Theme: Pilgrimage to the River Ganges</p> <p>Key Question: Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu?</p> <p>Religion: Hinduism</p>
	<p>*Theme: The Amrit Ceremony and the Khalsa</p> <p>Key Question: Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?</p> <p>Religion: Sikhism</p>				<p>*Theme: Sharing and Community</p> <p>Key Question: Do Sikhs think it is important to share?</p> <p>Religion: Sikhism</p>	<p>*Theme: Prayer and Worship</p> <p>Key Question: What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?</p> <p>Religion: Sikhism</p>
4	<p>Theme: Beliefs and Practices</p> <p>Key Question: How special is the relationship Jews have with God?</p> <p>Religion: Judaism</p>	<p>Theme: Christmas</p> <p>Concept: Incarnation</p> <p>Key Question: What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>Theme: Passover</p> <p>Key Question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?</p> <p>Religion: Judaism</p>	<p>Theme: Easter</p> <p>Concept: Salvation</p> <p>Key Question: Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>Theme: Rites of Passage and good works</p> <p>Key Question: What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?</p> <p>Religion: Judaism</p>	<p>Theme: Prayer and Worship</p> <p>Key Question: Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>
	<p>Theme: Buddha's teachings</p> <p>Key Question: Is it possible for everyone to be happy?</p> <p>Religion: Buddhism</p>		<p>Theme: The 8-fold path</p> <p>Key Question: Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?</p> <p>Religion: Buddhism</p>		<p>Theme: The 8-fold path</p> <p>Key Question: What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?</p> <p>Religion: Buddhism</p>	

There is an additional optional Christianity enquiry at the end of the Year 4 section: Why are there four Gospels and how are they relevant to Christians today?





Overview Years F1/2 to Year 6

5	<p>*Theme: Belief into action</p> <p>Key Question: How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion?</p> <p>Religion: Sikhism</p>	<p>Theme: Christmas</p> <p>Concept: Incarnation</p> <p>Key Question: Is the Christmas story true?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>*Theme: Beliefs and moral values</p> <p>Key Question: Are Sikh stories important today?</p> <p>Religion: Sikhism</p>	<p>Theme: Easter</p> <p>Concept: Salvation</p> <p>Key Question: How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>*Theme: Prayer and Worship</p> <p>Key Question: What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?</p> <p>Religion: Sikhism</p>	<p>Theme: Beliefs and Practices</p> <p>Key Question: What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>
	<p>*Theme: Prayer and Worship</p> <p>Key Question: What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?</p> <p>Religion: Hinduism</p>		<p>*Theme: Hindu Beliefs</p> <p>Key Question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?</p> <p>Religion: Hinduism</p>		<p>*Theme: Beliefs and moral values</p> <p>Key Question: Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?</p> <p>Religion: Hinduism</p>	

There is an additional optional Christianity enquiry at the end of the Year 5 section: Does belief in the Trinity help Christians make better sense of God as a whole?

6	<p>Theme: Beliefs and Practices</p> <p>Key Question: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?</p> <p>Religion: Islam</p>	<p>Theme: Christmas</p> <p>Concept: Incarnation</p> <p>Key Question: How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>Theme: Beliefs and Meaning</p> <p>Concept: Salvation</p> <p>Key Question: Is anything ever eternal?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>Theme: Easter</p> <p>Concept: Gospel</p> <p>Key Question: Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>	<p>Theme: Beliefs and moral values</p> <p>Key Question: Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?</p> <p>Religion: Islam <i>NB: This enquiry is taught in 2 sections over the term</i></p>
		<p>Theme: Christmas</p> <p>Concept: Incarnation</p> <p>Key Question: Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?</p> <p>Religion: Christianity</p>			

There is an additional optional Christianity enquiry at the end of the Year 6 section: How did Jesus create a 'New Covenant' and what does that mean to Christians today?





Discovery RE 3rd edition Content summary for each Discovery RE enquiry

Christianity

Year & Term	Discovery RE enquiry question	Key Content
F1/2 Autumn 1	What makes people special?	Family, friends, role models, Jesus, Moses
F1/2 Autumn 2	What is Christmas? Concept: Incarnation	Giving, thanks, Christmas story, shepherds, wise men, Nativity
F1/2 Spring 1	How do people celebrate?	New Year, Chinese New Year, Nowruz (Persian New Year), Holi
F1/2 Spring 2	What is Easter? Concept: Salvation	Spring, Easter Eggs, Palm Sunday, cross
F1/2 Summer 1	What can we learn from stories?	Boy who cried wolf, Crocodile and the priest (Sikh), Bilal and the butterfly (Muslim), Gold Giving Serpent (Indian), The elephant and the dog (Asian), The parable of the lost coin
F1/2 Summer 2	What makes places special?	Home, global homes, the world, church, mosque, synagogue
Year 1 Autumn 1	Does God want Christians to look after the world? Concept: God/Creation	Creation Story - environmental issues recycling/ stewardship
Year 1 Autumn 2	What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem? Concept: Incarnation	Giving - care taken as to the choice of gift
Year 1 Spring 1	Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship? Concept: Incarnation	Zacchaeus - Jesus stills the storm Lazarus - friendship
Year 1 Spring 2	Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday? Concept: Salvation	Preparing for a special person The Messiah
Year 2 Autumn 1	Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?	Good Samaritan, Love your neighbour, Healing the paralysed man Saviour, Advent, Jesus' teachings
Year 2 Autumn 2	Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world? Concept: Incarnation	Saviour, Advent, Jesus' teachings
Year 2 Spring 2	How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion? Concept: Salvation	Easter symbols - resurrection- new life - egg

Christianity cont.

Year 3 Autumn 2	Has Christmas lost its true meaning? Concept: Incarnation	Symbols, key message to Christians
Year 3 Spring 1	Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation? Concept: Incarnation	Jesus and the blind man - The paralysed man - Miracles
Year 3 Spring 2	What is 'good' about Good Friday? Concept: Salvation	The Last Supper, Crucifixion, forgiveness
Year 4 Autumn 2	What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today? Concept: Incarnation	Christmas symbols, angel, star, gifts, Incarnation, Christingle
Year 4 Spring 2	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians? Concept: Salvation	The Last Supper, Forgiveness, Jesus' teachings on enemies, anger, revenge,
Year 4 Summer 2	Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?	Church, baptism, Eucharist, worship, daily life, prayer
Year 5 Autumn 2	Is the Christmas story true? Concept: Incarnation	Christmas story
Year 5 Spring 2	How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die? Concept: Salvation	Last Supper, Holy week, Crucifixion
Year 5 Summer 2 or	What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?	Love your neighbour, Faith in action, Christian charities, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, prayer, Communion, church
	Does belief in the Trinity help Christians make better sense of God as a whole?	Trinity, Bible, church, hymns, creeds, Gospels
Year 6 Autumn 2 or	How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother? Concept: Incarnation	Mary in art Why was Mary chosen? Joseph
	Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? Concept: Incarnation	Celebrations and traditions, symbols
Year 6 Spring 1	Is anything ever eternal? Concept: Salvation	Jesus teachings and parables, Lost Son, 10 lepers, 2 Great commandments, agape, heaven, love
Year 6 Spring 2	Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth? Concept: Gospel	Festivals, charities, Christianity in society

Buddhism

Year & Term	Discovery RE enquiry question	Key Content
Year 4 Autumn 1	Is it possible for everyone to be happy?	Life of the Buddha, the search for enlightenment
Year 4 Spring 1	Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?	The 8-fold path, 3 universal truths, suffering, Buddha's teachings, Right Speech
Year 4 Summer 1	What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life	The 8-fold path (Right Viewpoint, Right Awareness, Right Speech, Right Concentration, Right Action, Right Thought, Right Effort and Right Living).

Hinduism

Year & Term	Discovery RE enquiry question	Key Content
Year 3 Autumn 1	Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?	Story of Rama and Sita, Divali, Lakshmi, temple
Year 3 Summer 1	How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	Brahman, deities, Ganesha, Trimurti
Year 3 Summer 2	Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu?	River Ganges, pilgrimage, funeral customs, Varanasi
Year 5 Autumn 1	What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?	Murtis, worship at home (Puja), 4 goals, Dharma, Pilgrimage
Year 5 Spring 1	How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	Is there a soul?, trimurti, God, deities
Year 5 Summer 1	Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?	Good deeds, Rama, re-incarnation, Sadhu

Islam

Year & Term	Discovery RE enquiry question	Key Content
Year 2 Spring 1	Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/ her everyday life?	Prayer, commitment to Allah
Year 2 Summer 1	Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?	Mosque, washing, prayer in a mosque
Year 2 Summer 2	Does completing Hajj make a person a better Muslim?	Pilgrimage - Hajj - Makkah - significance - 5 pillars
Year 6 Autumn 1	What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God	5 pillars - prayer - charity -fasting - Hajj pilgrimage
Year 6 Summer 1	Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?	Actions/consequences, Greater Jihad, Military Jihad, Qur'an, Lesser Jihad/Holy War
Year 6 Summer 2		

Judaism

Year & Term	Discovery RE enquiry question	Key Content
Year 1 Summer 1	Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?	Special day - Shabbat meal - synagogue
Year 1 Summer 2	<i>Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?</i>	Forgiveness - repentance - Food and symbolism New year plans, prayer, synagogue
Year 1 Summer 2	Does celebrating Chanukah make Jewish children feel closer to God?	Chanukah story, miracle, celebration
Year 2 Spring 1	How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?	Covenant, Abraham, Moses, Passover, the Exodus, Seder meal - symbolism
Year 2 Summer 1	How special is the relationship Jews have with God?	Abraham - Covenant - Birth of Isaac, Moses and the 10 commandments, Mezuzah, Shema
Year 2 Summer 2	What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?	Bar/Bat Mitzvah - Mitzvah day Tu B'Shevat (tree)
Year 4 Autumn 1	How special is the relationship Jews have with God?	Covenant, Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Ten Commandments, Synagogue, Torah, Ner Tamid, Mezuzah, Shema
Year 4 Spring 1	How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?	Kashrut, Kosher, Passover, Seder Meal
Year 4 Summer 1	What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?	Rites of Passage and good works, Shabbat, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Mitzvoth Tu B'Shevat (tree)

Sikhism

Year & Term	Discovery RE enquiry question	Key Content
Year 3 Autumn 1	Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?	Khalsa, Amrit, 5Ks
Year 3 Summer 1	Do Sikhs think it is important to share?	Vaisakhi, Divali, Guru Hargobind, Gurdwara, Guru Granth Sahib, Langar
Year 3 Summer 2	What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?	5 KS, Amrit, Khalsa recap, worship, Guru Granth Sahib, Mool Mantar, 3 Golden rules, Gurdwara
Year 5 Autumn 1	How far would a Sikh go for his/ her religion?	Guru Nanak, Worship, the Langar, the Golden Temple of Amritsar, marriage, 5Ks
Year 5 Spring 1	Are Sikh stories important today?	Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak and the jasmine flower, Bhai Lalo and Malik Bhago, Vaisakhi, Guru Nanak and the Cobra
Year 5 Summer 1	What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?	5 Ks, Gurdwara, Sewa