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#### Guidance for schools

The Ofsted 2010 report 'Transforming religious education' contained several useful recommendations to ensure high standards in the subject of RE. One of these recommendations was to ensure that agreed syllabuses and related provide more guidance on teaching about Christianity and non-religious world views, and effective ways of balancing the need to foster respect for pupils' religions and beliefs with the promotion of open, critical, investigative learning in RE.

The Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus does not significantly prescribe content acknowledging that this is a matter for schools to decide for themselves, however Staffordshire SACRE also understands that planning for good learning and progression in RE takes time. In many primary schools the leading teacher of RE is not an RE specialist and this creates many challenges. Keen to support schools in delivering challenging and stimulating RE which support enquiry and engages pupils in the study of religion, the medium term plans that follow offer ideas and examples for schools.

These plans are non-statutory and schools could choose to follow one or all of these plans or to simply plan their own. Schools are free to use or adapt any or all of them. They provide the start point for more detailed lesson planning and signpost schools wishing to pursue the ideas in the right direction for appropriate resources. The plans show progression through the age related expectations and leave schools free to decide which aspect of the teaching and learning activities is most appropriate to assess

The curriculum opportunities in the programmes of study focus on religious experience. To support good learning and skill development the following suggestions will help you to get the maximum impact from both the plans provided or from your own individual ideas. Pupils should, as appropriate:

- encounter people from different religious and philosophical groups who can express a range of convictions on religious and moral issues
- visit places of religious significance
- use ICT to enhance understanding
- discuss, question and evaluate important issues in religion and philosophy including ultimate questions and ethical issues
- reflect upon and carefully evaluate their own and others' beliefs and values using reasoned and balanced arguments
- use a range of forms of expression to communicate their arguments
- explore the connection between RE and other curriculum areas

Long Term Plan KS1-2



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
R	Identify and ask questions about customs associated with particular religious communities 1.4b	Explore stories about the lives and teachings of key religious figures 1.1b  The birth of	Identify symbolic actions, gestures and rituals and talk about how they are used as part of worship and ceremonies 1.3b  Relationships, promises and	Find out about ways in which sacred texts are regarded, read and handled by believers 1.1c	Ask and respond imaginatively to questions about things that are interesting or puzzling in the world 1.5a	Hear and respond to stories about belonging and relating to religious communities 1.4a
	Special Places and Festivals	Jesus	church wedding celebrations.	Easter celebrations	Caring for creation	Helping others
Year 1	Listen to examples of care and concern shown by believers and religious communities and explore the reasons for these actions 1.6b	Find out about ceremonies in which special moments in the life cycle are marked 1.4c	Explore the preparations for and find out about the celebration of festivals  1.2b	Listen to and ask questions about stories of individuals and their relationship with God 1.5b	Engage with stories and extracts from religious literature and talk about their meanings 1.1a	Find out about how and when people worship and ask questions about why this is important to believers 1.2a
	Caring	Belonging	Celebrations	Families	Answers	Worship



	1.6c Caring for the natural world	expression 1.3c  Valuing new life	under the ceremonies 1.3b  Worship and ceremonies	makes to their lives 1.2c  Belonging to a group	Storytelling through sacred writings	Showing kindness and goodness
Year 2	Explore stories from religious traditions and find out about attitudes to the natural world	Engage with religious beliefs and ideas expressed through story, symbol and other visual forms of	Identify symbolic actions, gestures and rituals and talk about how they are used as part of worship and	Identify the importance for some people of belonging to a religion and recognise the difference this	Explore a range of stories and extracts from sacred writings and talk about meaning they have for believers	Listen and respond to stories highlighting the morals and values of believers in practice

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	Explore rules for living found in sacred writings and teachings and ask questions about their impact on the lives of believers 2.6a  Exploring living by rules	Compare and contrast the practice of religion in the home in different religious communities 2.2a  Religion in the home	Compare and contrast the use of symbols, actions and gestures used in worship by different communities 2.3c  Symbols of worship	Investigate some features of key religious festivals and celebrations and identify similarities and differences 2.2c  Sharing special food	Explore the meaning of a wide range of stories about the beginnings of the world and reflect upon their importance for believers 2.1d  The beginning of the World	Explore into the life of key religious figures and make links with teachings and practices of special significance to followers 2.1c  Religious Leaders



Year 4	Explore religious stories and teachings about the environment and identify and reflect their impact on behaviour 2.6d  Environment: Harvest	Investigate the importance for believers of ceremonies in which special moments in the life cycle are marked 2.4d  Landmarks in life	Engage with a variety of people about their beliefs and values and ask questions about the way commitment affects their lives 2.6c  Commitment: Lent	Research some key events in the development of a religious tradition and explain the impact on believers today 2.4c  Study of a chosen religion	Identify some of the ways in which religions name and describe attributes of God and make links with belief and practice 2.3d  Thinking about God	Identify the main features and patterns of an act of worship and talk about the importance of worship for believers 2.2b  Features and patterns of worship
Year 5	Explore a variety of forms of literature found in sacred books and investigate a range of religious teachings 2.1b  Sacred writings: Hinduism	Explore the symbolic use of a wide range of objects, sounds, visual images, actions and gestures and make suggestions as to the intended meaning they might have for believers 2.3a  Peace	Explore the diversity of a range of religious traditions and identify and reflect on similarities and differences 2.4a  Religious diversity: happiness	Investigate and reflect upon a range of religious responses to suffering, hardship and death 2.5b  Easter: suffering and hardship	Explore the origins of sacred writings and consider their importance for believers today 2.1a  Wise words	Investigate the life of a person who has been inspired by their faith and make links between belief and action 2.2d  Values and beliefs
Year 6	Investigate ceremonies associated with joining or belonging to a faith community and talk about the meaning of commitment 2.6b Commitment	Explore on the meaning of stories drawn from religious sources and reflect upon the significance of key words, phrases or expressions 2.3b  Words of wisdom	Find out about the activities of a local religious community and make links with key religious teachings 2.4b  Taking part	Make links between beliefs and action and reflect how this might have local, national and international impact 2.5d  Belief in action	Raise questions about issues which cause people to wonder and investigate some answers to be found in religious writings and teachings 2.5a The importance of hope	Investigate stories about God's relationship with people and suggest how, for some people, this helps them to make sense of life 2.5c  Justice: rich and poor

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Religious Education	Title: 1.6b Caring		Year:1	Term: Aut1 Hour	rs:5
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus				
	o become religiously literate, this ureligious communities and explore	nit will provide opportunities to: Reflect on reasons for these actions	example	s of care and conc	ern
Broad Learning Objective	Assessment criteria and differentiation	Learning Activities			
EXPLORE Learners should be able to identify ways in which faith communities respond to need and link this with their beliefs  ENGAGE Learners should be able to identify the teachings of faith communities about caring for others and suggest how this might impact on behaviour	WTS: All learners should be able to say how faith communities care for others EXS: Most learners should be able to suggest how and why members of faith communities care for others recalling the outline of faith stories which focus on caring for others GDS: Some learners should be able to explain how a believer might try to put the teachings into practice in their own lives  Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	How do people show they care? For example: Explore the idea of belonging and caring (family. Draw people who care for us e.g. doctors, teachers etc. Are the Who cares for us? Encourage pupils to share experiences of the display about people who care for others  How do faith communities show they care? Introduce a different faith e.g. Sikhism. Time could be spent of Sikhism. There are many video clips online about Guru Nanal display work. Talk about the Langar (free kitchen in the Gurdward How do Sikhs show they care through a Gurdwara? What would langar? Invite a visitor from a faith community to talk about he Why do believers care for others? Roleplay the distribution of prashad in the gurdwara (using swareceive rather than take food. Which is better?	here special their own fami on an introduc k and Sikhism wara). Why d uld the world/t ow the faith co	nings and people that we callies. Collect and make picture ition and an exploration of the This work would make expess a Gurdwara need a kitcown be like if everywhere hommunity cares for others.	are for? ures for a  he 5Ks of xcellent chen? add a
REFLECT  Learners should be able to identify who cares for them and who they care for and explain how and why people show they care in different ways		Who do you care for? Act out a situation which the children are familiar with (new ch sharing, saying sorry, being fair, etc) How did pupils show act Introduce pictures of people who are sad. Children discuss we change things. Discuss feelings of those who have been help Engage in practical task, e.g. writing a card to someone who be given to people in need.	ts of care? why they are speed.	ad, and record how they wo	ould



Religious Education	Title: 1.4c Belonging		Year: 1 Term: Au2 Hours:5
Programme of Learning F	ocus		
	to become religiously literate, thi	s unit will provide opportunities to: the life cycle are marked	
Broad Learning	Assessment criteria and	Learning Activities	
Objective	differentiation		
EXPLORE  Learners should be able to identify and describe ceremonies which are special to faith communities and suggest why they are important to believers  ENGAGE  Learners should be able to link faith stories with beliefs, ceremonies and actions	WTS: All learners should be able to identify special moments in life that are celebrated by faith communities EXS: Most learners should be able to describe what happens at such a celebration GDS: Some learners should be able to suggest reasons why it might be important to believers to celebrate in this way and how members of the faith community show what they believe through their celebrations  Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	Why do people celebrate special moments in life? Explored For example: Show pupils different uniforms, such as B and badges, a football scarf and programme, a family phyou join, or come to belong to one of these groups, what make and what these people share. Create a display wi add a caption, for example, 'Being a Beaver means', a stories about what it means to belong.  How do faith communities celebrate special moments in ceremonies.  For example: Show items associated with welcoming a baptism, such as a baptismal candle, a certificate of bap practising Christian with a recently baptised baby to visit mock baptism in the classroom/local church using local 'Belonging' images. Look at a welcoming ceremony from the same way. Find out what promises are made.	eavers Rainbows, a school uniform, a swimsuit notograph from a photo album. Talk about how tit means to belong, what promises people the the uniforms and pictures. Alongside each and 'Belonging to a family means' Read  If the initial concentrating on infant the concentrating on infant the concentrating on infant and talk about the experience, or celebrate a clergy. Create a display alongside other
REFLECT  Learners should be able to identify special ceremonies from their own experience and explore their own related feelings as well as those of others.	witerri)	What do these ceremonies mean to believers? Select a religions and find out what they mean to members of the For example: Water in baptism - list all the things we us a good symbol in baptism. The candle in baptism - talk is a good symbol in baptism.  Islam - the shaving of the hair and the giving of money to believers? Add a caption to the display - 'Being a Christ the families?  What does it mean to you to celebrate special moments celebration they have attended. Talk about how it felt to feelings. Create a collage with images from magazines celebration – how about a 'Fri-Yay' celebration? Talk a to join in with and why. Make a list of the reasons to add	e faith community. e water for, and talk about the reasons why it is about the reasons why we need light, and why it or charity. Why are these things important to ian means' What does belonging mean to see For example: Talk about a ceremony or to be there. Brainstorm words to describe those which illustrate these feelings. Plan a class bout the celebrations that the pupils would like

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Religious Education	Title: 1.6c Caring for the natural world		Year:2 Term:AU1 Hours: 5
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus		
	o become religiously literate, this un pious traditions and <i>find out about a</i>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Broad Learning Objective	Assessment criteria and differentiation	Learning Activities	
EXPLORE Learners should be able to link faith stories about the natural world with beliefs, attitudes and action  ENGAGE Learners should be able to identify important teachings from faith stories and demonstrate how these might impact on the lives of believers  REFLECT Learners should be able to identify personal responses to the natural world showing how ideas about right and wrong can influence behaviour	WTS: All learners should be able to identify some important ideas from faith stories about the natural world EXS: Most learners should be able to make suggestions as to what the stories mean about the way believers should treat the natural world GDS: Some learners should be able to suggest how believers might put these ideas into practice in their own lives  Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	How do people show they care about the world?  Talk about what is found in a garden and who cares for it. Of through natural objects – flowers, leaves, stones, shells etc where it came from, how it's made and who looks after it. Look at pictures of different gardens and talk about the simily wildlife gardens, vegetable gardens. Discuss whether a gas flowers and foods on its own. Visit and explore a park. Tall work involved in creating and maintaining a garden. Draw if the plant and animal life which might be found there. Resources: Pictures from magazines of gardens, plants are objects. A visit to a local park or garden, a gardener/ park is what do faith communities believe about the world?  Find out about stories and teachings from religious traditions. For example: Read the Christian creation story and what is 2 15-25, 3 17-24. Christianity teaches that Adam and Eve were it and care for it. Discuss the story/s and confirm understar most/least?, what didn't they understand? Pupils could descreation, they could also represent the creation story in a valic.  Why do believers show they care about the world? Explore reasons why religious people feel they must care for For example: Using the story from Genesia as the teaching teachings might apply and role play, e.g. What might a Chriwhich was overgrown and full of rubbish? What would a Chanimal?	ilarities and differences, e.g. formal gardens, rden needs tending, or whether it grows k to the park keeper or a gardener about the pictures or create a collage of a garden with and animals to create a collage, Selection of natural reeper willing to talk about looking after the earth.  In sergarding the care of the land. It is said about caring for the land. e.g. Genesis 1, regiven the earth by God for them to look after anding — what happened? what pupils liked cribe and write about what it was like before arriety of ways — through drama, art or using the land.  To follow, devise situations in which these listian do if they were given a piece of land



		How can you show you care about the world? Share ideas about who has responsibility for the land. For example: Find out what groups of people actively care for Think about ways in which the land at school could be cared role in caring for the land at home and at school. Plan and cor planting a tree in the school grounds.  Resources: Illustrations of the work of organisations such a projects which the pupils might be able to carry out.	f for. Talk about whether pupils could take a carry out a small project, such as a litter pick,
Religious Education	Title: 1.3c valuing new life – Birth	of Jesus	Year: 2 Term: Aut 2 Hours: 5
Programme of Learning Fo	DCUS		
	Assessment criteria and differentiation	story, symbol and other visual forms of explanation and explanation and other visual forms of explanation and other visual forms of explanation and other visual forms of explanation an	pression
EXPLORE  Learners should be able to identify stories symbols, and other visual forms of expression of significance to faith communities and describe how they are used.  ENGAGE  Learners should be able to link stories, symbols and other visual forms of expression to faith communities making clear links with important beliefs	WTS: All learners should be able to link stories, symbols and visual forms of expression to particular faith communities EXS: Most learners should be able to identify important beliefs reflected in the stories, symbols and visual forms of expressions belonging to a faith community or communities GDS: Some learners should be able to make clear links between stories, symbols and other forms of visual expression and beliefs  Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	How do people show what is important to them?  Talk about babies and how special they are to their parents and talk about the messages they give. Invite a parent with a her. Make a class card for a baby, each child writing a messa the birth of Jesus. Explain that this story is important to Christ baby because he was God's Son. Questions and discussion: baby? (You may like to talk about how Mary and Joseph knew how Mary and Joseph showed that Jesus was special to them was a special baby.  Resources: Bible, New baby cards. Christmas cards with prindividual pictures and for making card or present.  What stories, symbols and visual forms of expression at Read the story of the shepherds.  Questions and discussion: In this part of the story, who thoushepherds know he was special? What did the angels say shepherds do to show that they thought he was special?	a young baby to talk about how they care for him / ige with their hopes for the baby.Read the story of tians because they believe that Jesus was a special. In the story, who thought that Jesus was a special we he was special - the angel's visits.) Talk about in. Start a class frieze to show who thought Jesus dictures of baby Jesus. Materials for class frieze, are important to members of faith communities?  Light that Jesus was a special baby? How did the was special about this new baby? What did the



REFLECT Learners should be able to identify what they value and show	Read the story of the Wise Men Talk about how the Wise Men knew that a special baby had been born. What did they do to show that they thought he was special? Add to the frieze.
how they might express this symbolically	How can you show what is important to you?  Look at some Christmas cards with pictures of baby Jesus. Talk about how the artists have shown that he is a special baby. Discuss the things that Christians do at Christmas to show they believe he is special e.g. celebrate, worship, send cards with a Christian message, give money and help to people who need it (such as the homeless). Listen to a CD of a carol about Jesus being special e.g. 'Come and join the celebration' or 'Hark! The herald angels sing'. Add some pictures of people today to the frieze. Invite the children to respond to the idea of Jesus as a special baby in a way of their own choice e.g. a picture, a poem, their own carol. Make pictures to show some of the people they are special to and who are special to them. Talk about how we can show people that we care about them. Make a card or present for someone we care about. Resources: Materials for class frieze, individual pictures and for making card or present. Christmas carols.

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Religious Education	Title: 2.6a Exploring Living by Rules		Year: 3 Term: Aut1 Hours:8
Programme of Learning Focus			
	giously literate, this unit will provide opportunities to: writings and teachings and ask questions about their	r impact on the lives of believers	
Broad Learning Objective	Assessment criteria and differentiation	Learning Activities	
EXPLORE  Learners should be able to identify rules found in sacred writings and show how these influence the behaviour of believers  ENGAGE  Learners will show how these rules influence the behaviour of believers – individuals and communities	WTS: All learners should be able to make the link between the rules of a faith community and the actions of believers  EXS: Most learners should be able to explain how believers would put the rules of their community into practice in a modern day setting. These learners will be able to explain the impact of keeping the rules on the life of a believer  GDS: A few should be able to explain how rules help to strengthen believers and the faith community	What do we need rules for?  This makes a good start to the new school year and provides class rules. Take any starting point which is within the childre e.g. class and/or school rules. How do we know what the rules always written? Who makes the rules? Do they help us to live people always obey the rules? What happens when they don'can then be widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country. Talk about what people mean by a 'moral code'. Ask a theme e.g. for the class, school, in the countryside, firework of the widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country. Talk about what people mean by a 'moral code'. Ask a theme e.g. for the class, school, in the countryside, firework of the widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country. Talk about what people mean by a 'moral code'. Ask a theme e.g. for the class, school, in the countryside, firework of the widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country. Talk about what people mean by a 'moral code'. Ask a theme e.g. for the class, school, in the countryside, firework of the widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country. Talk about what people mean by a 'moral code'. Ask a theme e.g. for the class, school, in the countryside, firework of the widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country. Talk about what people mean by a 'moral code'. Ask a theme e.g. for the class, school, in the countryside, firework of the widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country. Talk about what people mean by a 'moral code'. Ask a theme e.g. for the class, school, in the countryside, firework of the widened out to include other areas of life e.g. hon country.	n's experience to begin a discussion about rules are? Where do our rules come from? Are they together? Could we manage without them? Do t? What would life be like without any rules? This ne, clubs and groups, the local community, the children to create their own set of a rules based on code etc.  udied e.g. Buddhism: The Eightfold Path; ; Sikhism: The Five Ks. Divide the class into four Groups should decide if the rules are good ones,



REFLECT	Assessment opportunities:	how it could be put into practice in the class/school/world and write a poem/design a poster/use ICT to illustrate
		their ideas. Pupils could take turns reporting back.
Learners should be able to identify rules that are important to them and make the link between personal values, rules and behaviour	<ul> <li>Identify the rules for living in the faith being studied</li> <li>Create a set of rules based on a theme</li> <li>Discussion or prose: Why do people of faith follow religious rules</li> </ul>	

Religious Education	Title:2.2a Religion in the home		Year:3 Term:AU2 Hours:5		
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus				
To support the learners to become religiously literate, this unit will provide opportunities to: Compare and contrast the practice of religion in the home in different religious communities					
Broad Learning	Assessment criteria and	Learning Activities			
Objective	differentiation				

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#### **EXPLORE**

Learners should be able to identify characteristics of believers' homes and link this with belief and practice

#### **ENGAGE**

Learners should be able to identify important beliefs evident in a believers' home and explain why it might be important to carry on these traditions

#### **REFLECT**

Learners should be able to identify attitudes and values that might influence their homes and suggest how they might demonstrate their own values at home.

WTS: All learners should be able to identify symbols, actions and gestures characteristic of the faith which could be found in a believers' home

EXS: Most learners should be able to identify the beliefs demonstrated by the practice of religion in the home

These learners should be able to suggest meaning for the values and practices found in a believers' home

GDS: A few learners should be able to link sources and writing with these practices and to explain why it might be important to believers to carry on these traditions.

Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)

#### What makes people's homes different?

Talk about the customs and practices which may go on in any household regularly.

For example: Grandparents visit every weekend, having a particular meal on a certain day of the week, a fixed pattern for bedtimes, eating meals at the table, friends coming to play, reading time, watching a programme on television together. Discuss some ideas in detail - who is involved, what usually happens, does the activity follow a pattern, are there particular rules about how you behave? Talk about the meaning of 'custom' and 'practice'. Ask pupils to identify a custom or practice and illustrate or describe starting 'In my house....' or 'Some people...'

**Resources:** Images of everyday activities as stimulus for discussion, images from magazines or stories. Record of responses from pupils to be used in later activity.

#### What makes a home distinctive of a particular faith community?

Find out about religious practices in the home.

For example: Focus on two or three aspects of religious practices based in the home, such as saying grace, reading the Bible, saying prayers, the Jewish Sabbath, Hindu puja. Present pupils with pictures of the identified activity and explore... 'I wonder what is happening here?' Pupils to draw up list of questions to ask the person involved, then see if they can find the answers from a books, ICT, video, story, visitor, etc. Create a story board to explain what is happening.

Resources: Images of members of faith communities involved in religious activities in the home.

#### How important is it for believers to practice their faith at home?

Select aspects of these practices and find out what they mean to members of the community.

For example: Talk about why someone might close their eyes and put hands together during a prayer. Share ideas about why the Sabbath meal might be very special to Jewish people. Talk about how a Hindu might feel having a very special shrine at home, and making use of it regularly. What might it be like to pray five times a day and how might that be helpful for a Muslim? If possible invite a member of the faith community to talk about their feelings and how they pray at home. Activity – children to draw the outline of a house with columns inside of different faiths. In the columns write down the different activities that take place in different faiths at their homes. 'Through the keyhole' activity – children use artefacts or pictures to introduce what might be seen if pupils looked through the keyhole into a Hindu family home.

**Resources:** Visitor from a faith community. BBC Learning Zone video clips portraying praying at home.

#### What makes a home distinctive for you?

Share personal ideas about customs and practices which you think are good to carry on at home. For example: Which do you think you would miss most if they all stopped? What do you think you would like to carry on doing when you have a home of your own? What might be a good custom for the classroom, home to your class? Put it into practice. Create a display called 'Home is where the heart is'. Using a heart shape children to draw and write about what makes their house a home.

Resources: Heart shapes.

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Religious Education	Title: 2.6d ENVIRONMENT: Harv	Year: 4 Term:AU1 Hours:5							
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus								
	o become religiously literate, this uand teachings about the environment	nit will provide opportunities to: ent and <i>identify</i> their impact on behaviour							
Broad Learning Assessment criteria and Learning Activities									
Objective	differentiation								
EXPLORE Learners should be able to link stories, beliefs and practices and explain their impact on believers and communities  ENGAGE Learners should be able to explain how stories and beliefs influence behaviour and help believers to make moral choices in relation to the environment/ natural world	WTS: All learners should be able to identify stories and teachings from faith communities relating to the environment/natural world EXS: Most learners should be able to link stories and teachings to beliefs and practices These learners should be able to identify similarities and differences between the teachings of different faith communities GDS: A few learners should be able to explain the impact of beliefs about the environment/natural world on believers and faith communities	Being thankful for the fruits of the Earth How is the word Harvest used? What does 'harvesting' mean definition. What do human beings need to survive? Show pu cereal, bags of flour, cartons of juice and milk, bottle of water, pupils to use their knowledge of nutrition and choose three ite explain why they need them. Divide pupils into two groups: gr sourced for a family in the UK e.g. shop, supermarket, allotm food products they might use in a day, or a week. Group two e.g. Mozambique. Why do different religions and different cou to celebrate in the UK and overseas?  Discuss the idea of celebrating harvest in times of plenty an situations might people have more than they need, or not er provider?	pils a bowl of fruit and vegetables, packets of eggs, bread, pictures of supermarkets. Invite ms that a human being needs to survive, and oup one could make an inquiry about where food is ent. Invite them to think about how many different could do a comparison with a community overseas untries celebrate harvest? What might inspire them d in times when there is less than enough. In what						
REFLECT Learners should be able to link their own values and actions and consider the consequences of their actions for the environment/natural world	Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	God as creator and provider:  Christian beliefs in one God as creator of the world and providences. Here God is described as creating man in his own seed bearing plants for human beings to care for and use for attitude to Creation and food does this text suggest to Christ towards animals and plants (looking after them, and relying Explore the Jewish festival of Sukkoth and task pupils with of materials, imagine that they have stayed out overnight in the of a Jewish believer about how it helped them feel close to the Explore the Christian Harvest and a Lamas (loaf mass). Ta	image, and putting him in charge of animals and or food. See Bible Text: Genesis 1 v 27-31. What tians and to Jews? What attitudes do we have on them for food and drink).  creating a model of a sukkah from recycled e Sukkah, and write a diary entry from the viewpoint God as Creator and provider.  sk pupils with making bread in small groups to						
		reflect on what it might mean to a Christian believer to celebrural area. In what ways might it be different for someone li							



	Harvest mean to someone living in a country where there are environmental problems, such as drought or flooding, e.g Mozambique? What might influence their attitude? In what ways could faith in God help in this?  Harvest Festival  To reflect their understanding of Christian Harvest pupils could engage in practical activities. Ideas include:  Making a difference – e.g designing and implementing a charity campaign across the school, linked to the local church eg Foodbank – poster design to raise awareness, leading an assembly, organising collecting for a charity  Pupils could plan a harvest festival/collection for the class/school. This could involve publicising it, presenting their plan in a school assembly, choosing a suitable recipient for the goods collected, packing and distribution.  organising a fundraiser for a charity  Writing an explanation: 'Six reasons why our act of gratitude can make a difference to our local or overseas neighbour (less than 100 words).						
Religious Education	Title: 2.4d Landmarks in life	Year: 4 Term: AU2 Hours:5					
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus						
	b become religiously literate, this use for believers of ceremonies in wh	nit will provide opportunities to: hich special moment in the lifecycle are ma	nrked				
Broad Learning Objective	Assessment criteria and differentiation	Learning Activities					
EXPLORE  Learners should be able to identify important features of religious ceremonies and explain why these might be seen as important aspects of a believer's life	WTS: All learners should be able to identify a range of ceremonies linked to special moments in life that are important to members of faith communities EXS: Most learners should be able to describe the important features of ceremonies These learners should be able to compare and contrast ceremonies from different traditions	Rites of passage are special rituals that mark the different stages in life. These include birth ceremonic ceremonies marking joining a faith, marriage and death.  Why is it important to people to celebrate special times in life?  For example: Think about coming of age, birthdays, marriage, funerals. Collect examples of the way in w people celebrate or mark these events, such as greetings cards, photographs, invitations etc Create a Look at pictures of special events and identify what landmarks are being acknowledged. Construct a list pupils' priorities - which are the most important landmarks. Pupils draw a road representing their life so fa					

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#### **ENGAGE**

Learners should be able to link symbolic aspects of ceremonies to beliefs and teachings and explain why the ceremony might be important to those taking part GDS: A few learners should be able to explain why believers would see these celebrations as an important part of their faith

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Label the road (write/draw/describe) with three high points they have experienced in life so far e.g. starting school, baptism. Label the road with two low points. Can pupils continue the road with what they hope to come? Resources: examples from appropriate celebrations e.g.invitations etc...

Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)

Why is it important to believers to celebrate special times in life?

In small groups or pairs pupils research & produce a presentation about the way joining a faith is celebrated by Christians (confirmation) and Hindus (Sacred Thread *upanayana* ceremony) Pupils will need to be organised and able to discuss: what they need to find out, how they gather information, share out tasks and what format to present in. This should take more than one lesson and time could then be spent sharing their work with others.

#### REFLECT

Learners should be able to share ideas and experiences of ceremonies important to them and suggest what these might say about their personal beliefs and values

#### Pupils should find out:

about what happens what symbolism is important Why is the symbolism important? What actions are important?

Are there any special vows or promises made?

Are special prayers or words spoken?

What people wear?

What they eat?

How the person might feel before and during this key point in their lives?

What does what you celebrate say about you?

For example: Discuss their own experiences. Refer to their list of priorities identified in the first lesson. Take the first on the list and ask pupils individually or in small groups to create a ceremony to mark the occasion in an appropriate way. If possible, act out the best ideas as a class, keeping a photographic record of the occasion, and encouraging pupils to express how it felt to take part. What would help them to keep the promises they have just made? What symbol would they choose to remind them of their new promises?

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Religious Education	Title: 2.1b Sacred Writings - Hin	Year: 5 Term:AU1 Hours:5						
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus							
	o become religiously literate, this u s of literature found in sacred book	nit will provide opportunities to: s and <i>investigate</i> a range of religious teacl	hings					
Broad Learning	Assessment criteria and	Learning Activities						
Objective	differentiation							
EXPLORE  Learners should be able to distinguish different types of religious literature and say why different sacred writings are important to faith communities	WTS: All learners should be able to distinguish different types of literature contained within g sacred writings EXS: Most learners should be able to identify some important teachings and sources from sacred writings making links with belief and practice a	Notes: 'all Gods lead to God as all rivers lead to the sea' is the best way to sum up what Hindu's believe about god. There are many different Gods worshipped in Hinduism but they are all different aspects of the one supreme God. Hindus can choose the way they want to think of and worship God, the important thing is to love God. In this unit of work the focus is on Krishna – God as a child.  Recap prior learning about Hinduism with pupils. Place the faith in the world by tasking pupils to collect facts about the religion e.g. where in the world it originated, number of followers, where they worship, key beliefs, sacred writings etc.						
ENGAGE  Learners should be able to identify teachings and source material from a range of sacred writings and explain how these might be used within faith communities	believers use a range of sources to support their beliefs and practices GDS: A few learners should be able to explain why it is important to believers to refer to scriptures for guidance	Begin to explore Hindu sacred writings. Explain Hindu belies Show images of Krishna, why might it be helpful to look at the Support pupils understanding of the story by sharing a select groups pupils can annotate their image with what they can supplied an acome up with questions about the story and take them about Krishna? Why are stories about Krishna the factories.	Krishna? Share the story of Krishna eating soil. ction of images of the story (available online). In see, who the characters are, what is happening. turns to share these. What does the story tell					
	Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	It is traditional to tell the story of Krishna through mime and then present.	dance. In groups pupils can complete this task and					
Learners should be able to identify literature relevant to them and to explain the impact this might have on their lives		Move on to share the story of Rama and Sita (many version images of scenes from the story. In groups pupils can anno characters are, what is happening. Pupils can come up with these. What does the story teach about overcoming tempta Hindu's to overcome temptation?	tate their images with what they can see, who the n questions about the story and take turns to share					
		Explore the festival of and celebrations for Divali which link compare and contrast the different ways of celebrating in th different ways of celebrating Divali and present back. Wha happen if Hindu's weren't allowed to celebrate Divali?	e UK and in India. In groups pupils could explore					



		'All gods lead to God as all rivers lead to the sea.' What aspects of God have pupils uncovered through studies of Hindu stories. What does this tell them about what Hindu's believe God is like and how he is to them?						
Religious Education	Title: 2.3a Peace		Year:5 Term: AU2 Hours:5					
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus							
	o become religiously literate, this u wide range of objects, sounds, visual imate Assessment criteria and	nit will provide opportunities to:  ges, actions and gestures and make suggestions a  Learning Activities	as to the intended meaning they might					
Objective	differentiation	Learning / totivities						
EXPLORE  Learners should be able to identify, compare and contrast a range of symbolism used in faith communities	WTS: All pupils should be able to suggest ways in which people show that peace is important to them and identify examples of symbolism used by faith communities	What is peace? Show pupils some works of art and symbols that show peace expresses peace the most to them. What links can be mad say about peace? Discuss a peaceful place, a peaceful time at peace, or your parent/s? Write a poem called My Peace!	e between the pictures? What do they all have to e, people who bring peace. Where do you go to be ful Place.					
ENGAGE  Learners should be able to identify beliefs expressed through the use of symbolism and explain why it might be important to believers	EXS: Most pupils should be able to give examples of ways in which people actively seek peace making links between beliefs, sources and the use of symbolism in faith communities  GDS: Some pupils should be able to demonstrate how seeking peace may involve moral choices and compare and contrast the use of symbolism within and between faiths							

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#### REFLECT

Learners should be able to identify ways in which they might express their own values symbolically and consider the consequences of showing commitment in this way

Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)

comes from strength, and strength is from God, not man. Ahimsa always comes from within. Islam: do not take life – which Allah has made sacred – except for a just cause. Christians: Blessed are the peacemakers. Complete a venn diagram to show similarities and differences between the three faiths. Design a new memorial for the national memorial arboretum to commemorate and celebrate the work of soldiers from one of the three faiths. Present to the class explaining the symbolism they have used, its link to the religion and where this memorial should be placed.

Tell the story of Sadako Sasaki and her cranes for peace. (http://www.cnduk.org/images/stories/peaceed/Sadako's%20Cranes%20for%20Peace\_new.pdf)

There is now a memorial to Sadako at Hiroshima. Written on Sadako's statue are the words: This is our cry, This is our prayer: To create peace in the world. Many, many people visit the statue to think about this message. Pupils can make their own cranes using origami teckniques and either hang them up in school or send them to Hiroshima to be put at the Children's Peace Monument:

Peace Promotion Division The City of Hiroshima 1-5 Nakajima-cho Naka-ku, Hiroshima 730-0811 Japan (Please make sure your teacher fills out a registration form on the Hiroshima Peace Museum Website.) Pupils could use persuasive writing to encourage other classes to also make a crane for peace. They could write out instructions about how to make a crane and then teach someone from another class.

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Religious Education	Title: 2.6b COMMITMENT	Year:6 Term:AU1 Hours:5									
Programme of Learning Focus											
	o become religiously literate, this ussociated with joining or belonging	nit will provide opportunities to: g to a faith community and talk about the me	eaning of commitment								
Broad Learning Objective	Assessment criteria and differentiation	3									
EXPLORE  Learners should be able to describe what happens at a ceremony associated with joining or belonging to a faith community and explain why people might choose to join  ENGAGE  Learners should be able to explain the meaning of a joining ceremony for believers and explain the impact of commitment on their future lives	WTS: All learners should be able to identify ideas, values or groups to which they and people of faith are committed EXS: Most learners should be able to explain what this means about the choices they and people of faith make in their everyday lives. These learners should be able to explain the impact this has on their life and on the lives of the people who are committed to a faith GDS: A few learners should be able to identify the consequences for themselves and people of faith, of making a commitment to particular values, groups or causes	What does it mean to make a commitment?  Explore the word commitment. What does it mean and what demonstrated? Take 5 characters from fiction or media (e.g and decide what their top five commitments would be. Ask p to and 5 things they aren't committed too. Discuss their ideas commitments might be important. Select the commitments tresponsibilities they will bring and make an individual chart. It is it important for adults to be serious about their responsibilities? What are they looking forward to?  Talk about the responsibilities which people have when the For example: Brainstorm some of the things which you cannot do when you are an adult. Talk about the things they are loot List the responsibilities that go with the good things and the proposed someone who is growing up and someone who is an adult? It what are the disadvantages?	Harry Potter, Bart Simpson) supils to come up with 5 things they are committed is. Discuss why for some people religious that they think they will have to make and the How do they hope to be responsible adults? Why ies? What are the benefits of commitments and they become adults.  In they become adults.  In they become adults are they are grown up. In they are grown up. I								

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#### REFLECT

Learners should be able to talk about personal values and commitments and the impact that these have on their own lives and the lives of people around them.

# Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)

#### Group research tasks:

- Find out what happens at a Jewish Bar or Bat Mitzvah
- Find out what happens at a Christian Confirmation ceremony

Pupils could use books and ICT to research each ceremony and prepare to present back. What happens, important beliefs, promises made, special items etc.

Discuss the fact that the young person now has responsibility for their own faith and must do all the things that are required of them. How much of a challenge would this be?

#### What about your commitments?

Discuss what their own lives might be like, recap what commitments they might make and what responsibilities they might have

#### Design your own coming-of-age ritual

Apart from graduation after university the educational system rarely provides a significant passage ritual. Some schools/families are now creating their own. These could incorporate a number of elements:

- Contact with the natural environment: One or more days spent in nature, experiencing isolation, beauty and grandeur.
- A test of strength, self-discipline, and endurance: a fast, a difficult task etc.
- A complete physical withdrawal from the pressures of life.
- Public recognition: An "...announcement, ceremony or gathering with family and friends..." to acknowledge the person's new status.
- Symbolic representations: Some object that symbolizes the person's new status: a totem, ring, etc.

In groups pupils could plan a coming of age ceremony for the end of year 6...it could even be carried out!



Religious Education	Title: 2.3b Words of Wisdom	Year: 6 Term: AU2 Hours:5								
Programme of Learning Fo	ocus		1							
	o become religiously literate, this ustories drawn from religious source	nit will provide opportunities to: s and <i>reflect on</i> the significance of key wor	rds, phrase or expressions							
Broad Learning	Broad Learning Assessment criteria and Learning Activities									
Objective	differentiation									
EXPLORE Learners should be able to make links between words, phrases and stories of importance to faith communities and say how these reflect the ideas of believers  ENGAGE Learners should be able to link words, phrases and stories with important beliefs and say what impact these might have on the lives of believers	WTS: All learners should be able to identify significant words and stories and suggest what they tell a believer about their faith EXS: Some learners should be able to suggest how these words, phrases and stories might have a major impact on a believer's life GDS: A few learners should be able to explain how these stories might help believers to make moral choices  Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	Stories with messages What do we mean by stories with a message? Read a story what was the message, are stories useful as guidance, why sunderstood, when a poster be more effective than a story? Puthey have heard; design front cover and write a short blurb what his unit of work pupils will explore several stories. For exploration is useful:  • share the story and explore meaning • What place does the story have in the religion(s) we how important is the story to believers/how might is A practical task to sum up understanding e.g. a text experience), text to a believer (a connection between message into practice) text to world (a connection between the story and sheard in a song)  Possible stories: The Lost Sheep; Jesus calms a storm,	tories and not just a list of rules, are stories always upils could make a dust jacket for one of the stories nich describes the message.  For each story the following process of the are studying/what is the key message?  For encourage them to act?  It to self (a connection between the story and your ten the story and how a believer should put the between the story and events in the real world) and							
REFLECT  Learners should be able to use words, phrases and stories to explore their personal values and explain what influences them		Bilal – the first muezzin, Prophet Muhammad and the thirsty of Angulimala and the Buddha Abraham and Isaac The formation of the Khalsa  What do wise words mean to you?  Ask pupils to imagine they were world leaders for a day. What there one group of people they would like to give a message to Country? Pupils could write their messages in a variety of way banner, video, decorated stone, class wall of wisdom	t message would they like to give the world? Is to? What about a message for the class? School?							

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Religious Education Title:

Year: Term: Hours:

Programme of Learning Focus

To support the learners to become religiously literate, this unit will provide opportunities to:

Broad Learning Objective	Assessment criteria and differentiation	Learning Activities
EXPLORE (religious content-what beliefs, teachings, practices will you focus on)	What will pupils do and be able to do to confirm their learning? How will all pupils be stretched?	What activities are planned to develop a religiously literate pupil?
ENGAGE (What does the religious content mean to a believer, what important questions will be asked)		
REFLECT (What has been learnt from this topic and what might the wider impact for society be)	Assessment opportunities (what will be assessed and when)	





This is an example of a simple class record sheet for RE. It preserves the achievement profile across the three syllabus aims in each unit and can show progress over time. The mark sheet provides a space for a summary grade in each unit. It would be possible to allocate numbers and calculate averages to complete these summaries. However, this seems unnecessary and mechanistic. Summary grades should be assessed as a best fit judgement as the teacher takes everything into account. This is a better solution because the three assessment objectives may not be equally important/demanding. The teacher is best placed to assess and balance summary grades using their professional judgement of the pupil's achievement.

	Topic	1			Topic 2	)			Topic	3			Topic	4		
Names	Explore	Engage	Reflect	SUMMARY	Explore	Engage	Reflect	SUMMARY	Explore	Engage	Reflect	SUMMARY	Explore	Engage	Reflect	SUMMARY
Jenny Blogs	GDS	<b>GDS</b>	EXS	GDS	GDS	EXS	EXS	EXS								
Joe Blogs	GDS	EXS	WTS	EXS	GDS	EXS	WTS	EXS								
Jamie Blogs	WTS	EXS	WTS	WTS	EXS	WTS	WTS	WTS								

#### KEY

working at greater depth within the expected standard (GDS) pupils who are exceeding expectations will typically be providing evidence of achievement which consistently extends their learning beyond the confines of the task. They are working in ways which show deeper understanding and mastery and which are above the norm for their peer group. (showing greater vocabulary, understanding, explanation, complexity, originality, judgement)

working at the expected standard (EXS): Pupils who are meeting the expectations in full will typically be providing consistent evidence of achievement which shows that they have understood and confidently achieved the assessment criteria. They are working at a level which is appropriate for their peer group.

working towards the expected standard (WTS): pupils who have yet to meet the expectations in full will typically be providing evidence which is consistently less resolved and confident than their peer group.

