



"Bringing out the best

in everyone"

"Everyone matters; everyone is important"

Religious Edu	Religious Educa cation helps us to answer big	ation questions about faith and belie	efs	
EYFS including nursery	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 (KS2)	
	Belonging			
ELG : To know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultures communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.	MK Agree Belonging – What de How and why are religious ce	atement ed Syllabus: oes it mean to belong? lebrations important to people? express religious meanings?		
	KNOWLEDGE			
FS1 and FS2 To know who they live with. To know the different feelings – sad, cross,	To know about their family, Who they live with and who is in their family. Can talk about special times at home.	To know about special symbols and artefacts used in the Christian and Jewish faith and what they mean. E.g. cross is a Christian symbol, a fish is too.		
happy, angry – and recognise when they might feel these different emotions. To know about places which are special to them - where they belong	To talk about their feelings in different situations e.g. I felt happy on my birthday. To be able to talk about special places to them.	St Davids star is important in the Jewish faith. The Jewish Synagogue is an important building for Jewish people. There are special symbols and artefacts		
Harvest – is a time when we gather food and give to others who may need it, who haven't got much food. It is a time, when Farmers are bringing in crops from their farms/ fields	To know why someone may choose to be baptized. A baptism is an event which happens in a Church when someone chooses to be recognized as a Christian. A Vicar would lead the ceremony, the person would usually	em. b know why someone may choose to be ptized. A baptism is an event which ppens in a Church when someone chooses be recognized as a Christian. A Vicar would be recognized as a Christian. A Vicar would the special symbols and artefacts which are in a Synagogue. A Rabbi is the Jewish leader who leads the service, the Star of David is the symbol which will be in the Synagogue, the torah scrolls are the scrolls which are special to Jewish people, a yad is used to point to the words in the Scrolls. Only		

Christmas – Most Christians celebrate Christmas. It is a time when they think about Jesus being born. They think about Mary, Joseph and the Angel Gabriel, and the different people who visited the special baby. Families celebrate by having a special dinner, giving and receiving presents, decorating their homes and often visiting church.

New Year – In the Christian calendar this is celebrated 31st December at midnight. Lots of people may have a party, may dress up, may have a special meal and gather with friends and family. Some people celebrate with fireworks and music.

Chinese New Year –Chinese people celebrate this, usually in January/ February, They dress up, they decorate their homes, they give red envelopes with money in and they often have dragons which dance in the streets.

Easter – Christian people celebrate Easter. They think about Jesus, and new life. In homes, people may have a special dinner, give and receive Easter eggs and have an Easter hunt.

Birthdays – a birthday is the day someone is born. People usually receive cards and presents on their birthdays. Sometimes people have a party and a birthday cake.

There are other festivals/ celebrations which may be special to the families in our class : Diwali – also known as the Festival of Light, This is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. People think of a story about Rama and Sita. People may celebrate with their family, special food, decorating their homes, visiting their temple wear white clothes and they have special water sprinkled over them.

To know why people may choose to belong to a religion. Some people may choose to follow a faith, for example Christianity, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism. This means they may choose to read their special book, may visit a special place to worship, may hold particular faiths, may follow a particular leader.

Harvest is a Christian festival – focused on thanksgiving for the food we have and showing concern for the wider world where there is not enough food.

Sukkot – is a Jewish Festival – celebrating Harvest . It is at the end of the year, to mark the gathering of the last crops and the end of the agricultural year. During Sukkot many Jewish people will live in shelters, which may be put up in their gardens. It's a reminder of harvest but also the need to rely on God, linked to the Exodus. The tradition of giving thanks for the harvest is in the story of Cain and Abel and Noah , when they bring gifts to offer God. During Sukkot – as well as living in shelters, 4 spices are waved. Each of these spices is a symbol for a part of the human body. The spine, the heart, the eye, the mouth.

Christmas-, is the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus. They see Jesus as a gift from God. Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God. Christians give thanks at Christmas for the birth of Jesus and the festival is celebrated with church services, singing carols, candles, lights. Christmas starts on 25th December and lasts for 12 days as a feast.. Learning about a Christian **Church** and the artefacts found in a church. A Vicar leads the service in the Church. There are crosses, to remind people of Jesus. Stained glass windows show images of stories from the bible, The bible is the special book which Christian people choose to read.

Christian **Harvest** festival – how is it celebrated in schools/ churches and why, Jewish Harvest festival – how and why is it celebrated.

How and why do Christians celebrate **Christmas**? Christians celebrate Christmas because they are thinking about the time when Jesus was born, what a special time this was. They remember the gifts that Jesus was given, how the Angel spoke to Mary and Joseph and how they all learnt that Jesus was a very special baby.

Lent – Often Christians will 'give up' something in the period of Lent, the 6 weeks before Palm Sunday. This is when they remember Jesus' fasting. **Easter –** Christians think about the Holy week, how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, this is remembered as Palm Sunday, then Jesus had a last supper, before being put on the cross. Jesus then rose again, which is why we celebrate Easter, we think about 'new life'. Christian families visit churches to remember the story, they give and receive chocolate eggs, have a special meal with their family. Crosses are used in churches, on the bible and often to decorate peoples homes.

At Easter, a Church has special traditions. On Palm Sunday – they are given small crosses of palm leaves, they may have a special feast to remember the last supper, and often people

Holi – this is a Hindu festival celebrated in the		will tall and reinact the Factor story. During	
Spring – it is also known as the Festival of	New Year – is celebrated across the world in	will tell and reinact the Easter story. During the holy week, the church has special colours	
Colours. People dance, sing and throw	the Christian calendar, when the date	used to show the different days and	
coloured powder paint.	changes from 31^{st} December – 1^{st} January.		
	People have parties, dance, sing have special	remember. Red cloths are normally used at	
Eid – celebrated by muslims, it marks the end	food and often fireworks. People think about	the start of Holy week, these are changed to	
of the month of fasting.	new beginnings.	black for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday,	
		then white/ gold for Easter Sunday	
Wedding – a celebration when two people	Chinese New Year – Chinese people celebrate		
become married. Often happens in a church	this, usually in January/ February, They dress		
with a vicar . People attend and watch, then	up, they decorate their homes, they give red	Shabbat - learning about how and why	
join in a special meal and a party.	envelopes with money in and they often have	Jewish people celebrate Shabbat every	
	dragons which dance in the streets. They	weekend. Shabbat begins in a Jewish	
	remember the story of why each year is	household on a Friday evening and continues	
	named after an animal.	through to Saturday evening. Families will	
		wear their special clothes, they will eat a	
		special meal as a family. Special bread is	
	Easter – Christians think about the Holy	eaten, Challah which is plaited. There are	
	week, how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a	special candles which are lit and prayers are	
	donkey, this is remembered as Palm Sunday,	said over these candles. The family can not	
	then Jesus had a last supper, before being	do any work on Shabbat or spend any	
	put on the cross. Jesus then rose again, which	money. They will usually visit the Synagogue.	
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	the bible and often to decorate peoples		
	homes.		
	Birthdays – a birthday is the day someone is		
	born. People usually receive cards and		
	presents on their birthdays. Sometimes		
	people have a party and a birthday cake.		
	SKILLS		
FS1	To know that some people follow a religion.	To explain how some people follow a	
	to know that some people follow a religion.	particular religion.	
FS2			

	KEY TEXTS		
within the class/ year group	within the class/ year group	within the class/ year group	
Any celebrations/ special days celebrated	Any celebrations/ special days celebrated	Any celebrations/ special days celebrated	
Christianity	Judaism	Judaism	
FS2	Christianity	Christianity	
FS1			
	Coverage		
	To notice similarities and differences.	others and themselves	
	To be able to recall some festivals.	Can make simple comparisons between	
	To be able to recall corrected to the	Passover, sukkot)	
	religion.	that link to key beliefs (e.g. Christmas, Easter,	
	experiences and feelings, possibly linked to	Can give examples of the festivals/ rituals	
	To be able to talk about their own	and experiences of others.	
	To identify what is important to themselves.	Can listen to and be sensitive to the feelings and experiences of others.	
	To know that symbols are important to some people, often expressing a religious meaning.	themselves,and start to explain this to others.	
		To identify what is important to	
	how these are important to some people and how they can be celebrated.		
	To know about some religious celebrations;	these symbols.	
		people, often expressing a religious meaning. To begin to think about the meaning behind	
	group.	To know that symbols are important to some	
and celebrate special times in different ways	To understand that people may belong to a		
Recognise that people have different beliefs		how they can be celebrated.	
members of their community	can affect how they behave.	To describe different religious celebrations; how these are important to some people and	
Understand that some places are special to members of their community	To know that some people choose to learn from religious leaders/ teachers and that this	- I II 1000 I II I I I I	
		may belong to.	
to them		To talk about different groups that people	
Name and describe people who are familiar	special to them.		
family and community	important in religion, with stories which are	which religion it links to and how it is used.	
Talk about members of their immediate	To know that a sacred book, can be	Can talk about a sacred book, explaining	

FS1 Maisy goes to a wedding My new baby I'm a new big sister I'm a new big brother Now we have a baby Nativity story Christmas story books – various Were going on an Easter egg hunt Lighting a lamp Rama and Sita Peppas Easter egg hunt Spots first Easter My First Chinese New Year Peppas Chinese New Year Peppas Diwali Light the candle – Hannukah Happy New Year Spot The Nativity Rama and Sita Noahs Ark FS2 Starting School Topsy and Tim Start school ORT The Wedding ORT the New Baby The Scarecrows wedding My Presents The Easter Story We're going on an Easter Hunt Lighting a lamp	The Lost coin The Lost sheep Stories linked to Harvest Sammie Spiders first Sukkot The Nativity Story Christmas stories Story of Cain and Abel The Creation Story Children's Bible Dinosaurs and all that rubbish Michael Recycle The Easter Story Palm Sunday The Last Supper Children's Bible Jesus feeds the 5000 Stories from the Old Testament Stories about visiting special places	Story of Moses Story of Joshua Stories about children/ families visiting church/ synagogue Stories about families celebrating New Year Rosh Hashanah PBears New Year Party The Easter Story Stories about spring/ Easter The story of Zacchaeus The story of Joseph Childrens bible The Creation story The story of Adam and Eve	

FS1 and FS2	Christian	Moses	
Names of family members – mum, dad, aunt,	Christianity	Symbols	
uncle, grandparents, sister, brother	Christmas	Cross	
	Harvest	St David's star	
Happy, cross, sad, angry, excited	Church	Shabbat	
	celebration	Sacred	
Birthday	Bible	Believer	
Birthday cake	Cross	Holy	
Presents	Vicar	Religious leader	
Candles	prayer	Belief	
Birthday card	Jewish	Community	
/	Judaism	Prophet	
Christmas	Synagogue	Reflection	
Nativity	Torah scroll	Mezuzah	
Christingle	Old testament	New Tamid	
Easter	Disciple	Kippah	
Church	Rabbi	Tefilin	
Belief	Ark	Tallit	
		Challah	
		Sabbath	
		Shabbat	
		Kiddush	
	Believing		
FS1 FS2	NC STA	TEMENT	
	MK Agreed Syllabus Believing – What do peo	ple believe about God, People and the natural	
ELG: To know some similarities and		rld?	
differences between different religious and	Who	am I?	
cultures communities in this country, drawing	How and why are stories and book	ks sacred and important in religion?	
on their experiences and what has been read			
in class.			
	KNOWLEDGE		
FS1	To know that some people believe there is a	Through hearing/ discussing stories	
To recognise/ say who is special to them,	God. That some people read the bible/	Learn about how a story may teach you	
e.g. mum, dad, grandparents, aunts, Uncles,	Torah/ other important texts and that they	something/ may bring about a change/	
teachers in school.	feel these texts guide them in their thoughts/	qualities of a leader. Discuss What Christians	
	actions.	and Jews think about the stories? What do	
		they believe?	

To recognise a special place they may visit	The hible / Torah scrolls and other religions		
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for example a church/ temple/ mosque and	books are sacred to their religions. They are	Stories:	
who is special to them	treated respectively and stored	Zacchaeus	
	appropriately. People may read/ hear them	Joseph	
To know which books they like to look at.	read to help them understand why things	Moses	
	happen, to help them think about what they	The Exodus	
	could do, to think about people they believe	Adam and Eve	
	are wanting to teach them.		
FS2 To know that we all have 'special people'		Creation story and Adam and Eve – What	
in our lives e.g. mum, dad, grandparents,	Noah – God told Noah there was going to be	Jewish people believe God is telling them.	
aunts, Uncles, teachers in school.	a flood. Noah built a ship, and collected two		
	of each animal to travel on the Arc, until they	Jewish Shabbat – The Jewish special time	
To know if they visit a church/ temple/	could see land. This story is teaching us about	which starts Friday evening through to	
mosque and who is special to them	not destroying the land.	Saturday night fall. A special family time, with	
	, 0	special meal, prayers and time to visit the	
To know which books they like to look at.	Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Jonah, Elijah .	Synagogue	
To know if there is a special book they look at	Through stories, learn how Jesus was a	-1	
if they go to church/ a temple	leader, that people chose to follow him/ why		
in they go to charchy a temple	people liked him/ why people disliked him/		
To know that some people may believe in 'a	how these stories affect people's lives today/		
God', that some people celebrate Christmas	why people believe in Jesus and how this is		
	shown in Church.		
because they think about Jesus being born.			
Knowing that we don't all have the same	Stories:		
beliefs/ faiths.			
Dellersy faiths.	The Easter Story		
	Palm Sunday		
	Cain and Able		
	Jesus and his disciples,		
	Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Jonah, Elijah.		
	The Creation		
	Creation story – what did God do? What do		
	Christians believe?		
	SKILLS		
FS1	To know that people have different beliefs.	Explain how religion and belief can be	
		expressed in different ways.	
FS2	To know that some people follow a religion.		
		To explain how some people follow a	
Talk about members of their immediate	To know that a sacred book, can be	particular religion.	
family and community	important in religion, with stories which are		
	special to them.	Can talk about a sacred book, explaining	
		which religion it links to and how it is used.	
		which religion it links to and now it is used.	

Name and describe people who are familiar	To know that symbols are important to some		
to them	people, often expressing a religious meaning.	Can name some religious leaders/ teachers	
Understand that some places are special to	To identify what is important to the mechanism	and can explain how some people choose to	
Understand that some places are special to members of their community	To identify what is important to themselves.	follow them. Can explain how this may affect	
members of their community	To be able to recall a variety of religious	their behaviour.	
Recognise that people have different beliefs	stories.	To talk about different groups that people	
and celebrate special times in different ways		To talk about different groups that people may belong to.	
	To be able to talk about their own		
	experiences and feelings, possibly linked to		
	religion.		
		To know that symbols are important to some	
	To notice similarities and differences.	people, often expressing a religious meaning.	
		To begin to think about the meaning behind	
		these symbols.	
		To identify what is important to themselves,	
		and start to explain this to others.	
		To be able to retell a selection of key stories,	
		making links to the core beliefs.	
		Can listen to and be sensitive to the feelings	
		and experiences of others.	
		Can give examples of the festivals/ rituals	
		that link to key beliefs (e.g. Christmas, Easter,	
		Passover, sukkot)	
		Can make simple comparisons between	
		others and themselves	
	COVERAGE		
FS1			
FS2	Christianity	Christianity	
Christianity	Judaism	Judaism	
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within the class/ year group	within the class/ year group	within the class/ year group	
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KEY TEXTS			
FS1 – e.g. Kippers birthday, Topsy and Tim's birthday, Christmas stories, We're going on an Easter Egg hunt FS2.g. Kippers birthday, Topsy and Tim's birthday, Christmas stories, We're going on an Easter Egg hunt The Nativity story - Link to the Christmas play.	The Easter Story Palm Sunday Cain and Able Jesus and his disciples, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Jonah, Elijah. The Creation	Zacchaeus Joseph Moses The Exodus Adam and Eve	
	VOCABULARY		
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		Sabbath	
		Shabbat	
		Kiddush	
	Behaving –	·	

FS1 FS2	NC STA	TEMENT	
ELG: To know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultures communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.	MK Agreed Syllabus Behaving - What can people learn from religious leaders and teachers?		
	KNOWLEDGE		
FS1 FS2 Nativity story – we think about Jesus being special. We talk about how many families celebrate Christmas. They may visit church, have a special meal with family, give/ receive presents. Easter story – We think about Jesus coming a live. We give Easter eggs and think about a new life.	Learning about how Jesus is/ was seen as both a leader and a follower. Through listening to/ reading/ reenacting stories – explore what Jesus did, how he behaved, how others around him responded and what we can learn from his actions: Stories: The Easter Story Palm Sunday Cain and Able Jesus and his disciples, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Jonah, Elijah. The Creation The Bible – a special/ sacred book for Christians.	Learning about important people, why we may choose to follow them and why. God/ Jesus/ Vicars and Rabbis. Through reading/ listening to/ acting out stories, learning about people who met Jesus, what they thought of Jesus, what they believed. Thinking about how these actions affect Christians today. Linked to stories - Zacchaeus Joseph Moses The Exodus Adam and Eve	
	The Torah Scrolls – a sacred book for Jewish.	Learning about Torah – where it is read/ by who/ why and what it contains. Why is this special in the Jewish religion?	
	SKILLS		
FS1 FS2 Talk about members of their immediate family and community Name and describe people who are familiar	To know that people have different beliefs. To know that some people follow a religion. To know that a sacred book, can be important in religion, with stories which are special to them.	To explain how some people follow a particular religion. Can talk about a sacred book, explaining which religion it links to and how it is used.	
to them Understand that some places are special to members of their community Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways	To know that symbols are important to some people, often expressing a religious meaning. To identify what is important to themselves.	To talk about different groups that people may belong to. To describe different religious celebrations; how these are important to some people and how they can be celebrated.	

	 To be able to recall a variety of religious stories. To be able to talk about their own experiences and feelings, possibly linked to religion. To notice similarities and differences. 	To know that symbols are important to some people, often expressing a religious meaning. To begin to think about the meaning behind these symbols. To identify what is important to themselves, and start to explain this to others. Can listen to and be sensitive to the feelings and experiences of others.	
		Can give examples of the festivals/ rituals that link to key beliefs (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Passover, sukkot) Can make simple comparisons between others and themselves	
	COVERAGE		
FS1 FS2 Christianity Any celebrations/ special days celebrated within the class/ year group	Christianity Judaism Any celebrations/ special days celebrated within the class/ year group	Christianity Judaism Any celebrations/ special days celebrated within the class/ year group	
	KEY TEXTS		
FS1 Nativity story Lighting a lamp Rama and Sita My First Chinese New Year Light the candle – Hannukah Happy New Year Spot The Nativity Rama and Sita Noahs Ark FS2 The Easter Story	The Lost coin The Lost sheep The Nativity Story Christmas stories Story of Cain and Abel The Creation Story Children's Bible Dinosaurs and all that rubbish Michael Recycle The Easter Story Palm Sunday The Last Supper Children's Bible	Story of Moses Story of Joshua Stories about families celebrating New Year Rosh Hashanah The Easter Story The story of Zacchaeus The story of Joseph Childrens bible The Creation story The story of Adam and Eve	

Lighting a lamp Rama and Sita Celebrating Chinese New Year Lanterns and firecrackers My first Ramadan	Jesus feeds the 5000 Stories from the Old Testament Stories about visiting special places		
	VOCABULARY		
FS1 and FS2 Names of family members – mum, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparents, sister, brother Happy, cross, sad, angry, excited Birthday Birthday cake Presents Candles Birthday card Christmas Nativity Christingle Easter Church Belief	Christian Christianity Christmas Harvest Church celebration Bible Cross Vicar prayer Jewish Judaism Synagogue Torah scroll Old testament Disciple Rabbi Ark	Moses Symbols Cross St David's star Shabbat Sacred Believer Holy Religious leader Belief Community Prophet Reflection Mezuzah New Tamid Kippah Tefilin Tallit Challah Sabbath Shabbat Kiddush	