

Religious Education KS2 Rolling Program of Units



For the Christian units of work: Core and dig deeper units have the same building blocks/ outcomes for learning. Please see the resources section in Understanding Christianity to see the change to the approach and pupil activities which deepen learning of the core concepts.

Understanding Christianity's approach to teaching about Christianity builds up pupils' encounters with these core concepts through biblical texts, placing the texts and concepts within the wider Bible story. Each unit addresses a concept, through some key questions, exploring core Bible texts, their impact for Christians, and possible implications for pupils. Each unit incorporates the three elements below:

Making sense of the text: developing pupils' skills of reading and interpretation; understanding how Christians interpret, handle and use biblical texts; making sense of the meanings of texts for Christians.

Understanding the impact: examining ways in which Christians respond to biblical texts and teachings, and how they put their beliefs into action in diverse ways within the Christian community and in the world.

Making connections: evaluating, reflecting on and connecting the texts and concepts studied, and discerning possible connections between these and pupils' own lives and ways of understanding the world.

Pupils' achievement can be assessed against the knowledge building blocks and against end-of-phase outcomes related to the elements above.

This approach offers coherence and progression in terms of pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding. It supports pupils' abilities to handle texts, as well as understanding how and why Christians interpret biblical texts differently. It takes seriously the role of the pupil as reader, bringing their own world to the text whilst giving them the opportunity to allow the text to enlarge their understanding of the world.



Key Stage One RE Rotation

Rotation	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
A	Christianity Understanding Christianity unit: - God What do Christians believe God is like?	Hinduism * Diwali (1-3) Essex Explore	Christianity	Christianity Understanding Christianity unit: Salvation Why does Easter matter to Christians?	Sikhism (1 - 6) Essex Explore	Christianity Special words and stories Understanding Christianity unit: God What is the word Gos so important to Christians?
B	Christianity Special people Saints	Christianity * Nativity Understanding Christianity unit: Incarnation Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	Judaism * Passover (1 - 6) Essex Explore	Christianity Understanding Christianity unit: Salvation Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?	Islam (1 - 6) Essex Explore	Christianity Special things in nature Understanding Christianity unit: Creation Who made the world?
C	Hinduism * Diwali (4 - 6) Essex Explore	Christianity * Nativity Understanding Christianity unit: Incarnation Why do Christians perform nativity?	Christianity Special symbols and objects	Christianity * Lent * Easter	Buddhism (1 - 6) Essex Explore	Christianity Special ways of living Understanding Christianity unit: Gospel What is the good news that Jesus brings?

Themes to be covered:

1) Special places 2) Special ways of living 3) Special words and stories 4) Special people 5) special symbols and objects 6) Special things in nature

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Year A

Year Group	Understanding Christianity God	Understanding Christianity Incarnation	Essex Explore Islam	Understanding Christianity Salvation	Judaism	Humanism
3 / 4	5/6 core	3/4 core	The Qur'an	3/ 4 core	The Synagogue	Unit 1
4 / 5	5/6 core	3 / 4 core		3/ 4 core		
5 / 6	5/6 core	5/6 core		5/6 core		

Year B

Year Group	Understanding Christianity Kingdom of God	Understanding Christianity People of God	Essex Explore Hinduism	Essex Explore Buddhism	Understanding Christianity Creation / Fall	Understanding Christianity Gospel
3 / 4	3/4 core	3/4 core	Gods and Goddesses	The Buddha	3/4 core	3/4 core
4 / 5	3 / 4 core	3 / 4 core			3 / 4 core	3 / 4 core
5 / 6	5/6 core	5/6 core			5/6 core Dig deeper available	5/6 core

Year C

Year Group	Understanding Christianity God	Understanding Christianity Incarnation	Essex Explore Islam	Understanding Christianity Salvation	Judaism	Sikhism
3 / 4	5/6 Core	3/ 4 Dig Deeper	Five Pillars of Faith	3/ 4 Dig Deeper	The Jewish Home and Moses	The Guru Granth Sahib
4 / 5	5/6 core recap Dig deeper	3 / 4 Dig Deeper		3 / 4 Dig Deeper		
5 / 6	5/6 Dig Deeper	5/6 Dig Deeper		5/6 Dig Deeper		

Year D

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3 / 4	3/ 4 Dig Deeper	3/ 4 Dig Deeper	Living as a Hindu	Living as a Buddhist	3/ 4 Dig Deeper	3/ 4 Dig Deeper
4 / 5	3 / 4 Dig Deeper	3 / 4 Dig Deeper			3 / 4 Dig Deeper	3 / 4 Dig Deeper
5 / 6	5/6 Dig Deeper	5/6 Dig Deeper			5/6 Dig Core	5/6 Dig Deeper

This is a summary of the CORE concepts that are explored as part of the ‘big story’ of salvation, as understood within Christianity. The Upper KS2 units explore all of the following concepts:

GOD Fundamental to Christian belief is the existence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

CREATION The universe and human life are God’s good creation. Humans are made in the image of God.

FALL Humans have a tendency to go their own way rather than keep their place in relation to their Creator. This attitude is called sin, and Genesis 3 gives an account of this rebellion, popularly called ‘the Fall’. This describes a catastrophic separation between God and humans, between humans and each other, and between humans and the environment. This idea that humans are ‘fallen’ and in need of rescue (or salvation) sets out the root cause of many problems for humanity.

PEOPLE OF GOD The Old Testament tells the story of God’s plan to reverse the impact of the Fall, to save humanity. It involves choosing a people who will model a restored relationship with God, who will attract all other people back to God. The Bible narrative includes the ups and downs of this plan, including the message of the prophets,1 who tried to persuade people to stick with God. The plan appears to end in failure, with the people of God exiled and then returning, awaiting a ‘messiah’ – a rescuer.

INCARNATION The New Testament presents Jesus as the answer – the Messiah and Saviour, who will repair the effects of sin and the Fall and offer a way for humans to be at one with God again. Incarnation means that Jesus is God in the flesh, and that, in Jesus, God came to live among humans.

GOSPEL Jesus’ incarnation is ‘good news’ for all people. (‘Gospel’ means ‘good news’.) His life, teaching and ministry embody what it is like to be one of the people of God, what it means to live in relationship with God. Jesus’ example and teaching emphasise loving one’s neighbour – particularly the weak and vulnerable – as part of loving God.

SALVATION Jesus’ death and resurrection effect the rescue or salvation of humans. He opens the way back to God. Through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered, and the relationship between God and humans is restored.

KINGDOM OF GOD This does not mean that no one sins anymore! The Bible talks in terms of God’s ‘Kingdom’ having begun in human hearts through Jesus. The idea of the ‘Kingdom of God’ reflects God’s ideal for human life in the world – a vision of life lived in the way God intended for human beings.

Christians look forward to a time when God’s rule is fulfilled at some future point, in a restored, transformed heaven and earth. Meanwhile, they seek to live this attractive life as in God’s Kingdom, following Jesus’ example, inspired and empowered by God’s Spirit.

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	<p>both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice (see Fall) but also being loving, forgiving, and full of grace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe God loves people so much that Jesus was born, lived, was crucified and rose again to show God’s love. • Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. • Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information 	<p>Spirit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers. • Christians worship God as Trinity. It is a huge idea to grasp, and artists have created art to help to express this belief. • Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God’s power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus. 	<p>reverence as they believe it contains the actual words of Allah (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on how they treat things that are special to them (AT2)</p> <p>understand the role of madrassahs in helping Muslims learn to recite the Qur’an (AT1)</p> <p>learn about the content of the Qur’an, appreciating that it contains many people and stories found in the Bible, including stories about Jesus (Isa)</p>	<p>his death and resurrection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do. • Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today. • Christians remember and celebrate Jesus’ last week, death and resurrection. 	<p>develop understanding of the content of the Torah and its significance for Jews (AT1)</p> <p>learn about the celebrations associated with the festival of Simhat/Simchat Torah and its significance (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on special objects and celebrations in their own lives (AT2)</p> <p>c) What happens inside the synagogue, including celebrating Shabbat</p> <p><u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop their understanding of the threefold purpose of the synagogue as a place for study, meeting and prayer (AT1) develop understanding of the importance of Shabbat (AT1) develop understanding of what happens during the Shabbat service in the synagogue (AT1) <p>reflect on the sense of community and belonging gained</p>	<p>c) Humanist ceremonies marking key milestones in life</p> <p><u>Key learning objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enable pupils to: learn about Humanist ceremonies marking birth, marriage and death (AT1) reflect on important milestones in their own lives and how they would like to live their own lives in the light of their learning about Humanism (AT2)
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	<p>they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. • Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information</p>	<p>believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah.) • Christians see Jesus as their Saviour (see Salvation).</p>		<p>a victory over sin, death and the Devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God; leading from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom. • Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through the service of Holy Communion (also called the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the Mass). • Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end. • This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (Heaven). • Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs to the needs of others, and some are prepared to die for others and for their faith.</p>	<p>through clubs an school (AT2)</p>	
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Year B

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3 / 4	<p>3/4 CORE When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?</p> <p>Pupils will know that: • Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the ‘Kingdom of God’ - i.e. Jesus’ whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is king, not just in heaven but here and now (‘Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’). • Christians believe Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives through the Holy Spirit, if they let him. • Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus’ invisible kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God. • Christians celebrate Pentecost as the beginning of the Church. • Staying connected to Jesus means that the fruit of the Spirit can grow in the lives of Christians.</p>	<p>3/4 CORE What is it like to follow God?</p> <p>Pupils will know that: • The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the ‘children of Israel’ – known as the People of God – and their relationship with God. • The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him. • They believe he promises to stay with them, and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises. • The Old Testament narrative explains that the People of God are meant to show the benefits of having a relationship with God and to attract all other nations to worshipping God. • Christians believe that, through Jesus, all people can become the People of God.</p>	<p>Gods and Goddesses Hindu gods and goddesses <u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: learn about different gods and goddesses by exploring the conventions of Hindu religious art (AT1)</p> <p>invent their own god or goddess and use the conventions of Hindu religious art to express their god’s attributes and qualities (AT2)</p> <p>b) Stories associated with Hindu gods and goddesses <u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: familiarise themselves with stories about Hindu gods and goddesses (AT1) appreciate the meaning and significance of the stories for Hindus (AT1) reflect on the stories to see whether they</p>	<p>The Buddha</p> <p>a) The Buddha’s early life: his quest to find an answer to the problem of suffering <u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: engage with key elements in the story of the Buddha’s early life and his quest to find an answer to the problem of suffering(AT1) understand the significance of this story for Buddhists (AT1) explore issues related to suffering and giving things up (AT2)</p> <p>b) The Middle Way, enlightenment and Nirvana <u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: understand the Buddhist concepts of The Middle Way, enlightenment and Nirvana (AT1) consider the possible implications of these Buddhist concepts for their own lives (AT2)</p>	<p>3/4 CORE What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?</p> <p>Pupils will know that Christians believe: • God the Creator cares for the creation, including human beings. • As human beings are part of God’s good creation, they do best when they listen to God. • The Bible tells a story (in Genesis 3) about how humans spoiled their friendship with God (sometimes called ‘the Fall’). • This means that humans cannot get close to God without God’s help. • The Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him – he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live (such as the Ten Commandments), and offers forgiveness even when they keep on falling short. • Christians show that they want to be close to God too, through</p>	<p>3/4 CORE What kind of world did Jesus want?</p> <p>Pupils will know that: • Christians believe Jesus challenges everyone about how to live – he sets the example for loving God and your neighbour, putting others first. • Christians believe Jesus challenges people who pretend to be good (hypocrisy) and shows love and forgiveness to unlikely people. • Christians believe Jesus’ life shows what it means to love God (his Father) and love your neighbour. • Christians try to be like Jesus – they want to know him better and better. • Christians try to put his teaching and example into practice in lots of ways, from church worship to social justice.</p>

			have anything to say to the children about their own lives (AT2)		obedience and worship, which includes saying sorry for falling short.	
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5 / 6	<p>5/6 CORE What kind of king was Jesus? Pupils will know that: • Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God’s rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who live in obedience to God. • The parables suggest that there will be a future Kingdom, where God’s reign will be complete. • The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so. • Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social structures in their locality and in the world.</p>	<p>5/6 CORE How can following God bring freedom and justice? Pupils will know that: • The Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God. As their circumstances change (for example, from being nomads (Abraham, Jacob) to being city dwellers (David)), they have to learn new ways of following God. • The story of Moses and the Exodus shows how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus’ death and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin. • Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others, for example by loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice,</p>			<p>5/6 CORE DIG DEEPER available Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary? Pupils will know that: • There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts. • These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts: for example, does reading Genesis as a poetic account conflict with scientific accounts? • There are many scientists through history and now who are Christians. • The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator.</p>	<p>5/6 CORE What would Jesus do? Pupils will know that: • Christians believe the good news is not just about setting an example for good behaviour and challenging bad behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way to heal the damage done by human sin. • Christians see that Jesus’ teachings and example cut across expectations – the Sermon on the Mount is an example of this, where Jesus’ values favour serving the weak and vulnerable, not making people comfortable. • Christians believe that Jesus’ good news transforms lives now, but also points towards a restored, transformed life in the future (see Salvation and Kingdom of God). • Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways, within their church family, in</p>

and telling the story of Jesus. • Christians see the Christian Church as part of the ongoing story of the People of God, and try to live in a way that attracts others to God, for example as salt and light in the world.

their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community

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4 / 5	<p>5/6 CORE recap DIG DEEPER What does it mean if God is holy and loving? Pupils will know that: • Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal, and that this means God is worth worshipping. •</p>	<p>3 / 4 DIG DEEPER What is the Trinity? Pupils will know that: • Christians believe Jesus is one of the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the</p>	<p>reflect on daily rituals in their own lives and the need for discipline (AT2)</p>	<p>3 / 4 DIG DEEPER Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday? Pupils will know that: • Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to</p>		

	<p>Christians believe God is both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice (see Fall) but also being loving, forgiving, and full of grace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe God loves people so much that Jesus was born, lived, was crucified and rose again to show God’s love. • Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. • Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information 	<p>Son and God the Holy Spirit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers. • Christians worship God as Trinity. It is a huge idea to grasp, and artists have created art to help to express this belief. • Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God’s power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus. 	<p>understand the significance of wudu (ritual washing) as a preparation for prayer (AT1)</p> <p>understand the significance of the different positions adopted during prayer (AT1)</p> <p><i>N.B. Most of the material found here on salah is duplicated in the study unit on ‘Holy Places in Islam’ (section c. What happens inside the mosque). Salah can be covered equally well through either study unit.</i></p>	<p>his death and resurrection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do. • Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today. • Christians remember and celebrate Jesus’ last week, death and resurrection. 	<p>c) Observing Shabbat in the home</p> <p><u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - learn about the origins and importance of Shabbat (AT1) reflect on the importance of rest in their own lives (AT2) learn about the family ceremonies marking the beginning and end of Shabbat (AT1) reflect on their own feelings associated with the beginning and end of the week end (AT2) <p>Learn about what happens during Shabbat and what is not permitted during Shabbat (AT1)</p>	<p>nature of God as expressed in the Mool Mantra (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on and express their own beliefs and disbeliefs about God (AT2)</p> <p>c) Features of the gurdwara: what happens inside, the langar and the importance of equality</p> <p><u>Key learning objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enable pupils to: develop understanding of the function and significance of the gurdwaras for Sikhs (AT1)
<p>5 / 6</p>	<p>5/6 DIG DEEPER</p> <p>What does it mean if God is holy and loving?</p> <p>Pupils will know that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal, and that this means God is worth worshipping. • Christians believe God is both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice (see Fall) but also being loving, forgiving, and full of grace. • Christians believe God loves people so much that Jesus was born, lived, was crucified and rose again to show God’s love. • Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but try to follow his path, as 	<p>5/6 DIG DEEPER</p> <p>Was Jesus the Messiah?</p> <p>Pupils will know that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus was Jewish. • Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh. • They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God. • The Old Testament talks about a ‘rescuer’ or ‘anointed one’ – a messiah. Some texts talk about what this ‘messiah’ would be like. • Christians 	<p>c) Third pillar: zakah (‘poor due’)</p> <p><u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: understand the meaning and significance of zakah for Muslims (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on the work of different charities (AT2)</p> <p>d) Fourth pillar: sawm (fasting during Ramadan)</p> <p><u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to:</p>	<p>5/6 CORE</p> <p>What did Jesus do to save human beings?</p> <p>Pupils will know that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians read the ‘big story’ of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans’ relationship with God. • The Gospels give accounts of Jesus’ death and resurrection. • The New Testament says that Jesus’ death was somehow ‘for us’. • Christians interpret this in a variety of ways: for example, as 		<p>develop understanding of the main features of gurdwaras, including the langar, and their significance (AT1)</p> <p>develop understanding of what happens inside gurdwaras, including worship and the langar (AT1)</p> <p>develop understanding of the importance of equality in Sikhism (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on special buildings in the local area; places that are special to them personally; and feelings associated with such places (AT2)</p>

	<p>they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. • Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information</p>	<p>believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah.) • Christians see Jesus as their Saviour (see Salvation).</p>	<p>understand the significance of sawm, Ramadan and the festival of Id ul-Fitr for Muslims (AT1) reflect on the need to exercise self-control in their own lives (AT2)</p> <p>e) Fifth pillar: hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah) <u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: understand the various rituals that take place during hajj and the significance of this pilgrimage for Muslims (AT1) reflect on feelings associated with journeys they have experienced (AT2)</p>	<p>a sacrifice for sin; as a victory over sin, death and the Devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God; leading from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom. • Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through the service of Holy Communion (also called the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the Mass). • Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end. • This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (Heaven). • Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs to the needs of others, and some are prepared to die for others and for their faith.</p>		
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Year Group	Understanding Christianity Kingdom of God	Understanding Christianity People of God	Essex Explore Hinduism	Essex Explore Buddhism	Understanding Christianity Creation / Fall	Understanding Christianity Gospel
3 / 4	<p>3/4 CORE When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? Pupils will know that: • Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the ‘Kingdom of God’ - i.e. Jesus’ whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is king, not just in heaven but here and now (‘Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’). • Christians believe Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives through the Holy Spirit, if they let him. • Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus’ invisible kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God. • Christians celebrate Pentecost as the beginning of the Church. • Staying connected to Jesus means that the fruit of the Spirit can grow in the lives of Christians.</p>	<p>3/ 4 DIG DEEPER What is it like to follow God? Pupils will know that: • The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the ‘children of Israel’ – known as the People of God – and their relationship with God. • The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him. • They believe he promises to stay with them, and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises. • The Old Testament narrative explains that the People of God are meant to show the benefits of having a relationship with God and to attract all other nations to worshipping God. • Christians believe that, through Jesus, all people can</p>	<p>Living as a Hindu</p> <p>) The home shrine and puja (worship) in the home Key learning objectives - to enable pupils to: develop understanding of the significance of the home shrine for Hindu families (AT1)</p> <p>develop understanding of the meaning and significance of artefacts found in Hindu family shrines (AT1)</p> <p>develop understanding of what takes place during a typical family puja (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on objects that are special to them and the reasons why they are special (AT2)</p>	<p>Living as a Buddhist</p> <p>) The Noble Eightfold Path Key learning objectives - to enable pupils to: understand that Buddhists see life as a journey towards Nirvana (AT1)</p> <p>understand the elements of the Noble Eightfold Path and their implications for living (AT1)</p> <p>understand the importance for Buddhists of living with clarity, calmness and peace of mind (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on their own life journeys and appreciate the need for calmness and peace in life (AT2)</p> <p>b) The Buddha image and Buddhist shrines</p>	<p>3/ 4 DIG DEEPER What do Christians learn from the Creation Story? Pupils will know that Christians believe: • God the Creator cares for the creation, including human beings. • As human beings are part of God’s good creation, they do best when they listen to God. • The Bible tells a story (in Genesis 3) about how humans spoiled their friendship with God (sometimes called ‘the Fall’). • This means that humans cannot get close to God without God’s help. • The Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him – he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live (such as the Ten Commandments), and offers forgiveness even when they keep</p>	<p>3/ 4 DIG DEEPER What kind of world did Jesus want? Pupils will know that: • Christians believe Jesus challenges everyone about how to live – he sets the example for loving God and your neighbour, putting others first. • Christians believe Jesus challenges people who pretend to be good (hypocrisy) and shows love and forgiveness to unlikely people. • Christians believe Jesus’ life shows what it means to love God (his Father) and love your neighbour. • Christians try to be like Jesus – they want to know him better and better. • Christians try to put his teaching and example into practice in lots of ways, from church worship to social justice.</p>

		become the People of God.	<p>b) Features of the mandir (temple) and congregational puja</p> <p><u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: develop understanding of the significance of mandirs for Hindus (AT1) develop understanding of the meaning and significance of the main features of mandirs (AT1)</p> <p>develop understanding of what happens inside mandirs, including congregational puja (AT1)</p> <p>reflect on buildings that are special to them and the reasons why they are special (AT2)</p> <p>c) Reincarnation and the concepts of moksha, dharma and karma <u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: develop understanding of what is meant by concepts the concepts of</p>	<p><u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: understand the significance of the Buddha image and Buddhist shrines for Buddhists (AT1)</p> <p>understand the main features of Buddhist shrines and their symbolism (AT1)</p> <p>create a quiet area in the classroom (AT2)</p> <p>design their own shrines for someone they respect (AT2)</p> <p>reflect on 'shrines' in their own homes (AT2)</p> <p>c) Buddhist devotional practices, including meditation <u>Key learning objectives</u> - to enable pupils to: understand key features of Buddhist devotional practice, including making offerings and chanting mantras (AT1)</p> <p>understand the significance of prayer flags and prayer wheels in Tibetan Buddhism (AT1)</p>	<p>on falling short. • Christians show that they want to be close to God too, through obedience and worship, which includes saying sorry for falling short.</p>	
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5 / 6	5/6 DIG DEEPER What kind of king was Jesus? Pupils will know that: • Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God's rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who live in obedience to God. • The parables suggest that there will be a future Kingdom, where God's reign will be complete. • The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so. • Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social	5/6 DIG DEEPER How can following God bring freedom and justice? Pupils will know that: • The Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God. As their circumstances change (for example, from being nomads (Abraham, Jacob) to being city dwellers (David)), they have to learn new ways of following God. • The story of Moses and the Exodus shows how God rescued his people from slavery	question: what do you think happens when we die? (AT2)		5/6 DIG DEEPER Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary? Pupils will know that: • There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts. • These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts: for example, does reading Genesis as a poetic account conflict with scientific accounts? • There are many scientists	5/6 DIG DEEPER What would Jesus do? Pupils will know that: • Christians believe the good news is not just about setting an example for good behaviour and challenging bad behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way to heal the damage done by human sin. • Christians see that Jesus' teachings and example cut across expectations – the Sermon on the Mount is an example of this, where Jesus' values favour serving the weak and vulnerable, not making people

	<p>structures in their locality and in the world.</p>	<p>in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus' death and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin. • Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others, for example by loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice, and telling the story of Jesus. • Christians see the Christian Church as part of the ongoing story of the People of God, and try to live in a way that attracts others to God, for example as salt and light in the world.</p>			<p>through history and now who are Christians. • The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator.</p>	<p>comfortable. • Christians believe that Jesus' good news transforms lives now, but also points towards a restored, transformed life in the future (see Salvation and Kingdom of God). • Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways, within their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community</p>
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