



Mytchett Primary Academy – RE Knowledge and Skills Progression



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Beliefs and teachings (what people believe)						
Recount outlines of some religious stories.	Retell religious stories and identify some religious beliefs and teachings.	Describe some religious beliefs and teachings of religions studied, and their importance.	Describe the key beliefs and teachings of the religions studied, connecting them accurately with other features of the religions making some comparisons between religions.	Explain how some beliefs and teachings are shared by different religions and how they make a difference to the lives of individuals and communities.	Make comparisons between the key beliefs, teachings and practices of the Christian faith and other faiths studied, using a wide range of appropriate language and vocabulary.	
Practices and lifestyles (what people do)						
Recognise features of religious life and practice.	Identify some religious practices, and know that some are characteristic of more than one religion.	Describe how some features of religions studied are used or exemplified in festivals and practices.	Show understanding of the ways of belonging to religions and what these involve.	Explain how selected features of religious life and practice make a difference to the lives of individuals and communities.	Explain in detail the significance of Christian practices, and those of other faiths studied, to the lives of individuals and communities.	
Expression and language (how people express themselves)						
Recognise some religious symbols and words.	Suggest meanings in religious symbols, language and stories.	Make links between religious symbols, language and stories and the beliefs or ideas that underlie them.	Show, using technical terminology, how religious beliefs, ideas and feelings can be expressed in a variety of forms, giving meanings for some symbols, stories and language.	Explain how some forms of religious expression are used differently by individuals and communities.	Compare the different ways in which people of faith communities express their faith.	



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Identity and experience (making sense of who we are)						
Identify aspects of own experience and feelings, in religious material studied.	Respond sensitively to the experiences and feelings of others, including those with a faith.	Compare aspects of their own experiences and those of others, identifying what influences their lives.	Ask questions about the significant experiences of key figures from religions studied and suggest answers from own and others' experiences, including believers.	Make informed responses to questions of identity and experience in the light of their learning.	Discuss and express their views on some fundamental questions of identity, meaning, purpose and morality related to Christianity and other faiths.	
Meaning and purpose (making sense of life)						
Identify things they find interesting or puzzling, in religious materials studied.	Realise that some questions that cause people to wonder are difficult to answer.	Compare their own and other people's ideas about questions that are difficult to answer.	Ask questions about puzzling aspects of life and experiences and suggest answers, making reference to the teaching of religions studied.	Make informed responses to questions of meaning and purpose in the light of their learning.	Express their views on some fundamental questions of identity, meaning, purpose and morality related to Christianity and other faiths.	
Values and commitments (making sense of right and wrong)						
Identify what is of value and concern to themselves, in religious material studied.	Respond sensitively to the values and concerns of others, including those with a faith, in relation to matters of right and wrong.	Make links between values and commitments, including religious ones, and their own attitudes or behaviour.	Ask questions about matters of right and wrong and suggest answers that show understanding of moral and religious issues.	Make informed responses to people's values and commitments (including religious ones) in the light of their learning.	Make informed responses to people's values and commitments (including religious ones) in the light of their learning They will use different techniques to reflect deeply.	

SKILLS AND PROCESSES TO BE DEVELOPED THROUGH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Surrey Agreed Syllabus 2017 – 2022)

Progression in RE depends upon the development of the following generic learning skills applied to RE. These skills should be used in developing a range of activities for pupils to demonstrate their capabilities in RE. They ensure that teachers will move pupils on from knowledge accumulation and work that is merely descriptive to higher level thinking and more sophisticated skills.

Reflection – this includes:

- Reflecting on feelings, relationships, experience, ultimate questions, beliefs and practices

Empathy – this includes:

- Considering the thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others
- Developing the ability to identify feelings such as love, wonder, forgiveness and sorrow
- Seeing the world through the eyes of others, and seeing issues from their point of view

Investigation – this includes:

- Asking relevant questions
- Knowing how to gather information from a variety of sources
- Knowing what may constitute evidence for justifying beliefs in religion

Interpretation – this includes:

- Drawing meaning from artefacts, works of art, music, poetry and symbolism
- Interpreting religious language
- Suggesting meanings of religious texts

Evaluation – this includes:

- Debating issues of religious significance with reference to evidence and argument

Analysis – this includes:

- Distinguishing between opinion and fact
- Distinguishing between the features of different religions

Synthesis – this includes:

- Linking significant features of religion together in a coherent pattern
- Connecting different aspects of life into a meaningful whole

Application – this includes:

- Making the association between religion and individual, community, national and international life

Expression – this includes:

- Explaining concepts, rituals and practices
- Expressing religious views, and responding to religious questions through a variety of media