

Religious Education curriculum overview

Religious Education helps children develop their understanding of Christianity, other religions and non-religious worldviews, while exploring questions of belief, meaning, values and how people live.

Our curriculum follows **Living Difference IV**, supported by **Understanding Christianity**. Christianity is studied throughout the school, alongside carefully chosen opportunities to learn about Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Humanism. This overview shows the main units and themes children encounter as they move through Years 1 to 6.

Our RE curriculum at a glance

Phase	Christianity	Other religions and worldviews
Years 1 and 2 — Milestone 1	Creation; Incarnation; Salvation; Gospel	Judaism: key beliefs, Passover and Shabbat
Years 3 and 4 — Milestone 2	Creation and Fall; Incarnation and Trinity; Salvation; Gospel	Hinduism: worship, mandir and home shrine, celebrations
Years 5 and 6 — Milestone 3	Creation and Fall; Incarnation; Salvation	Islam: Shahadah, Salat, Ramadan, Zakat, Hajj and community; Humanism: the Golden Rule and the Good Life

Years 1 and 2 — Milestone 1

Building foundations in Christianity and Judaism

Across Years 1 and 2, children encounter key Christian stories and ideas alongside an introduction to Jewish belief and practice.

Christianity

Creation

Who made the world?

Children explore Christian ideas about creation and what Christians believe about God as Creator.

Incarnation

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Children explore the Christmas story and why the birth of Jesus is important to Christians.

Salvation

Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Children encounter the Easter story and begin to understand its importance within Christianity.

Gospel

What is the good news Jesus brings?

Children explore Jesus' teaching and his concern for people who were poor, vulnerable or excluded.

Judaism

Key beliefs and remembering

Children are introduced to important aspects of Jewish belief and identity.

Passover

Why do Jewish people celebrate Passover?

Children explore the importance of remembering within Jewish tradition and learn about the festival of Passover.

Belonging and Shabbat

Why is Shabbat important to Jewish people?

Children explore how Shabbat expresses belonging, worship and Jewish family and community life.

Years 3 and 4 — Milestone 2

Deepening understanding of Christianity and encountering Hindu traditions

Across Years 3 and 4, children develop their understanding of central Christian ideas and explore aspects of Hindu belief, worship and celebration.

Christianity

Creation and Fall

What do Christians learn from the Creation story?

Children explore Christian beliefs about creation and consider what the biblical account means for Christians.

Incarnation and Trinity

Does believing Jesus is God in human form matter to Christians?

Children explore Christian beliefs about Jesus, incarnation and the Trinity.

Salvation

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?

Children deepen their understanding of the events of Holy Week and their significance for Christians.

Gospel

What kind of world did Jesus want?

Children explore Jesus' teaching and consider how Christians might put this teaching into practice.

Hinduism

Hindu belief and worship

Children are introduced to Hinduism and explore worship in the mandir and at a home shrine.

Hindu celebrations

Children encounter Hindu festivals and celebrations, including **Raksha Bandhan** and **Mahashivratri**, exploring what they mean for Hindu communities.

Years 5 and 6 — Milestone 3

Exploring belief, worldview and some of life's bigger questions

Across Years 5 and 6, children deepen their understanding of Christianity, encounter Islam in greater depth and explore Humanism as a non-religious worldview.

Christianity

Creation and Fall

Are Creation and science contradictory? Children explore Christian understandings of creation and consider different ways of thinking about faith and science.

Incarnation

Was Jesus the Messiah? Children examine the biblical birth narratives and explore Christian beliefs about Jesus as Messiah.

Salvation

What did Jesus do to save human beings? Children deepen their understanding of Christian beliefs about Jesus' death and salvation.

Islam

Introduction to Islam

Children develop their understanding of Muslim beliefs and ways of life.

Shahadah and Salat

Children explore the importance of the declaration of faith and prayer within Islam.

Ramadan and Zakat

Children learn about fasting during Ramadan and the responsibility to give to others.

Hajj and community

Children explore pilgrimage to Makkah and the importance of belonging to the Muslim community.

Humanism

The Golden Rule

Children explore how Humanists think about treating other people and making ethical choices.

The Good Life

Children consider Humanist ideas about what makes a good and meaningful life without reference to religious belief.