Topic	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Big questions	Throughout the year children have opportunities to celebrate different religious festivals.	Concepts taught throughout the year: welcoming, thanking, sharing, belonging, storytelling, celebration,	What does it mean to belong?	Can stories change people?	How are saying and symbols important in religions?	What is special to me and the people in my community?	How do beliefs influence actions?	How important are the similarities and differences between and within religions?
Philosophical Themes	They learn to understand similarities and differences between people.	remembering, looking forward	Belonging	Wise words and change	Core beliefs relation to practices	Core beliefs and practices between and within religions and worldviews	Relationship between values, beliefs and actions	Analysing religion and worldviews
Buddhist people		Belonging What makes us special	Talk about & show different kinds of artefacts that are found in many homes (Buddhist statue)	Understand why different books special for different people.	Understand that Buddha told stories, to teach people about how they should live their lives. Describe what a believer might learn from a Buddhist story. Find similarities and differences between Jesus' and the Buddha's stories and sayings.	compare and contrast similarities and differences between what the Buddha was teaching in 'The widows offering' and what St Francis was teaching in 'Canticle to the Sun'. Understand what religions and world views are represented in our neighbourhood.	Understand the difficulty of growing in acceptance through the story of Kisa Gotami. Understand that the Buddha taught how to respond to the sufferings of others, which is being compassionate.	What do people believe about life after death? Similarities and differences between religions?

Christian people	How do Christians celebrate (A Christmas Story) Belonging What makes us special	Talk about & show different kinds of artefacts that are found in many homes and worn on people (crucifix) Understand the importance of the Bible to Christians. Understand about the importance of belonging to Christianity to Christians through church Christening or dedication service.	Learn the creation story and how Christians try to look after it, thinking about what we can do to help. Understand why Easter is important to Christians. Understand the importance of the Bible to Christians. Understand how special food and fasting help people in their faith.	Understand the significance of light in religion. Understand the importance of Jesus' teachings and stories today for Christians. Find similarities and differences between Jesus' and the Buddha's stories and sayings.	Understand why the Bible is a special book for Christians. Understand what religions and world views are represented in our neighbourhood. Understand what inspirers and guides me in my life. Compare and contrast similarities and differences between what the Buddha was teaching in 'The widows offering' and what St Francis was teaching in 'Canticle to the Sun'. Understand the meaning of a story (Joseph) for Jews, Muslims and Christians.	Understand that our inner forces affect how we think and behave. Understand how Christians try to follow Jesus's example.	Know what Christians believe about life after death. Similarities and differences between religions. Understand the importance of art in Christianity. Understand what qualities are important to present day religious leaders.
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					Why is Easter important to Christians? What makes me the person I am?		
Hindu – Dharmic tradition	How do Hindus celebrate Diwali (Story of Rama and Sita) Belonging What makes us special	Understand how Hindus belong to the Dharmic faith (go to a temple). Talk about & show different kinds of artefacts that are found in many homes (deity). Learn about the importance of the rakhi during the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan.	Understand why different books special for different people. Understand how Hindus believe the world began.	Understand the significance of light in religion. Understand how and why do Hindu people celebrate Holi.	Understand and why do Hindu people worship at home and in the Mandir. Understand what religions and world views are represented in our neighbourhood. Understand what inspirers and guides me in my life.	Understand what Hindus believe about God.	Know what Hindus believe about life after death. Similarities and differences between religions. Understand what qualities are important to present day religious leaders.

Humanism	What makes us special. Belonging	Understand people who do not believe in God also have values and traditions they follow.	Think about beauty in nature and what all humans can do to help look after the planet.	Understand how symbols and sayings are important to many people including themselves.	Understand what religions and world views are represented in our neighbourhood. Understand what inspirers and guides me in my life.	Understand that our inner forces affect how we think and behave. Understand reasons for some people deciding they can find no evidence of God	Know what Humanists believe about life after death. Similarities and differences between religions and humanism. Understand what qualities are important to present day religious leaders. Understand how a design can be a celebration that involves everyone, whether religious or not.
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Jewish people	What make special.	es us Talk about & show different kinds of artefacts	Understand the importance of the Torah to	Understand the significance of light in religion.	Understand what religions and world views are	Understand that our inner forces affect how we	Know what Jews believe about life after death.
	Belonging	that are found in many homes (mezuzah). Understand why Friday night is special in a Jewish home. Talk about & show different kinds of artefacts that are found in many homes and worn on people (star of David).	Jews. Learn about the creation story and how to look after the planet.	Understand what Jews remember at Hanukkah.	represented in our neighbourhood. Understand the meaning of a story (Joseph) for Jews, Muslims and Christians.	think and behave.	Similarities and differences between religions. Understand what qualities are important to present day religious leaders.

Muslim people		How do Muslims	Talk about &	Learn the	Compare beliefs	Understand what	Understand why	Know what
	'	celebrate Eid	show different	creation story	about God	religions and	Muhammad and	Muslims believe
	1	(Information	kinds of artefacts	and how	between	world views are	the Qur'an are	about life after
		book: Happy Eid	that are found in	Muslims try to	religions (Islam,	represented in	important to	death.
		Al Fidr)	many homes	look after it,	Hinduism and	our	Muslims?	
		,	(<i>Qur'an,</i> Subha).	thinking about	Christianity).	neighbourhood.		Similarities and
		Belonging		what we can do				differences
			Talk about &	to help.		Understand the		between
		What makes us	show different			meaning of a		religions.
		special	kinds of artefacts	Understand how		story (Joseph) for		
			that are found in	special food and		Jews, Muslims		Understand the
			many homes and	fasting help		and Christians.		importance of art
			worn on people	people in their				in Christianity.
			(topee).	faith.				
								Understand what
			Understand	Understand why				qualities are
			about the	the Qur'an is				important to
			importance of	special to				present day
			belonging to	Muslims.				religious leaders.
			Islam to Mulims					
			through going to					
			the Mosque.					
			Understand who					
			Muhammed was					
			and why he is					
			special to					
			Muslims.					
			Understand why					
			Understand why Muslims					
			celebrate Eid.					
			Celebrate EIG.					

Sikhi people	What makes us	Talk about &	Understand why	Understand what	Understand what	Understand what	Know what
•	special.	show different	different books	Sikh symbols and	religions and	Sikhs believe	Muslims believe
		kinds of artefacts	special for	sayings tell us	world views are	about God.	about life after
	Belonging	that are found in	different people.	about Sikhi	represented in		death.
		many homes and		beliefs.	our		
		worn on people			neighbourhood.		Similarities and
		(romaal).					differences
							between
		Understand the					religions.
		importance of					
		'The Five Ks' in					Understand what
		Sikhism and the					qualities are
		story of Guru					important to
		Gobind Singh.					present day
							religious leaders.
		Understand why					
		Guru Nanak is an					
		important person					
		to Sikhs.					
		Understand the					
		importance of					
		Amrit to mark a					
		Sikh becoming a					
		member of the					
		Khalsa.					