

Religion and worldviews

Long-term plan

Standard

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Overview (All year groups)

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| EYFS | What makes us special? | What are special times? | Why are some places special? | What makes the world special? | Why are some things special? | Why are some stories special? |
| Year 1 | How did the world begin? | What do some people believe God looks like? | What is God's job? | Why should we care for the world? | How do we know that new babies are special? | Why should we care for others? |
| Year 2 | Why do we need to give thanks? | Why is light important to people? | How do we know some people feel a special connection to a god? | What is a prophet? | How do some people talk to God? | Where do some people talk to God? |
| Year 3 | What makes us human? | Where do our morals come from? | Is scripture central to religion? | What happens if we do wrong? | Why is water symbolic? | Why is fire used ceremonially? |
| Year 4 | Are all religions equal? | What makes some texts sacred? | Just how important are our beliefs? | Who was Jesus really? | Why is the Bible the best-selling book of all time? | Does the language of scripture matter? |
| Year 5 | Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in? | Why doesn't Christianity always look the same? | What happens when we die? (Part 1) | What happens when we die? (Part 2) | Who should get to be in charge? | Why are some places in the world significant to believers? |
| Year 6 | Why does religion look different around the world? (Part 1). | Why does religion look different around the world? (Part 2) | Why is it better to be there in person? | Why is there suffering? (Part 1) | Why is there suffering? (Part 2) | What place does religion have in our world today? |

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Overview - EYFS

EYFS

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| <p>Autumn 1</p> | <p><u>What makes us special?</u></p> <p>5 lessons</p> <p>Exploring similarities and differences between themselves, others and the wider community. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, pupils learn that people can hold different beliefs and that many Christian people believe in God and Jesus.</p> | <p>Autumn 2</p> | <p><u>What are special times?</u></p> <p>5 lessons</p> <p>Comparing special times, including Diwali and Christmas, by exploring their meanings, traditions and celebrations through stories, pictures and videos. Pupils learn how these festivals are celebrated and consider their importance in bringing people and communities together.</p> |
| <p>Spring 1</p> | <p><u>Why are some places special?</u></p> <p>5 lessons</p> <p>Exploring what makes places special by reflecting on places that are important to themselves and others. Pupils learn about religious buildings and places of worship and consider why these places hold significance for different people and communities.</p> | <p>Spring 2</p> | <p><u>What makes the world special?</u></p> <p>5 lessons</p> <p>Considering what makes the world special by exploring why it is important to themselves and others. Pupils listen to different viewpoints about caring for the world and discuss why looking after it matters.</p> |

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| Summer 1 | <p><u>Why are some things special?</u></p> <p>5 lessons</p> <p>Reflecting on things that are special to people by exploring items and images that hold personal or communal significance. Pupils discuss why objects can be important to different people and learn to respect and appreciate different beliefs and values.</p> | Summer 2 | <p><u>Why are some stories special?</u></p> <p>5 lessons</p> <p>Exploring how stories can help people understand beliefs and values. Pupils listen to a range of stories, consider the messages they contain and learn how stories can inspire people to act in positive ways.</p> |
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Overview - Key stage 1

Year 1

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| Autumn 1 | <p><u>How did the world begin?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring a range of creation stories and scientific ideas about how the world began in imaginative ways, children present their own ideas using art and language. They consider how creation stories help some people understand what God is like.</p> | Autumn 2 | <p><u>What do some people believe God looks like?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Examining different representations of God by exploring Islamic art, Hindu avatars and images from the Christmas story. Pupils consider how people express beliefs through words and images, create their own artwork and reflect on why representing ideas about God can be challenging.</p> |
| Spring 1 | <p><u>What is God's job?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating different beliefs about God by exploring stories and sacred texts. Pupils examine the roles and actions attributed to God and consider what these beliefs mean to different people.</p> | Spring 2 | <p><u>Why should we care for the world?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Exploring creation stories, religious teachings and quotations about the relationship between humans and nature. Pupils investigate different viewpoints and reflect on how beliefs can influence attitudes towards caring for the world.</p> |

Year 1

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| Summer 1 | <p><u>How do we know that new babies are special?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating how different people welcome a new baby by exploring ceremonies through quotes, videos and pictures. Pupils examine the symbolism behind these celebrations and identify similarities and differences in how people from different worldviews mark this special event.</p> | Summer 2 | <p><u>Why should we care for others?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Examining the impact of caring actions by investigating stories and guidance from different traditions and worldviews. Pupils discover different ways people help others and consider why generosity and kindness are important.</p> |
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Year 2

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| Autumn 1 | <p><u>Why do we need to give thanks?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating how people express gratitude by exploring beliefs and practices linked to making offerings. Pupils examine survey data and artefacts used during puja, consider the meaning behind these traditions and create their own song lyrics to express thanks.</p> | Autumn 2 | <p><u>Why is light important to people?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Examining the symbolism of light in different religious and worldview traditions by exploring festivals, stories and artwork. Pupils investigate the use of candles in celebrations such as Advent and Hanukkah, create Advent wreaths using natural materials and develop their understanding of the meanings associated with light.</p> |
| Spring 1 | <p><u>How do we know some people feel a special connection to a god?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring the lives of significant religious figures by listening to stories from different traditions and worldviews. Pupils investigate how some people are believed to have a special connection to God, using clues from religious stories to interpret meaning and understand symbolism.</p> | Spring 2 | <p><u>What is a prophet?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Investigating the lives of significant religious figures by exploring stories, artwork and traditions linked to Abraham, Jonah, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad and Guru Nanak. Pupils search for clues about their characteristics and teachings, examine the messages associated with them and develop their own understanding of what makes someone a prophet.</p> |

Year 2

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| Summer 1 | <p><u>How do some people talk to God?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Examining prayer as a form of communication by exploring why people pray and the different ways prayer is practised. Pupils investigate objects used in prayer and consider how movement and the whole body can be used to express beliefs and feelings.</p> | Summer 2 | <p><u>Where do some people talk to God?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating places of worship by exploring buildings in the local area and beyond. Pupils examine how features of these buildings can reflect beliefs about God and apply their learning by designing their own place of worship.</p> |
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Overview - Lower key stage 2

Year 3

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| <p>Autumn 1</p> | <p><u>What makes us human?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring ideas about spirituality, the inner self and the soul by interpreting and creating artwork inspired by different beliefs and perspectives. Pupils reflect on what it means to be human and express their ideas by designing a book cover and blurb.</p> | <p>Autumn 2</p> | <p><u>Where do our morals come from?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Reflecting on what it means to live a good life by considering ideas about right and wrong and the choices people make. Pupils investigate how some Jewish people use a tallit to remind them of guidance, explore similar meaningful objects and create their own moral code inspired by their learning.</p> |
| <p>Spring 1</p> | <p><u>Is scripture central to religion?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Examining how scriptures are used and valued by different people by investigating a range of religious texts and traditions. Pupils explore how sacred writings are treated with respect, consider their significance to believers and present their findings in a poster.</p> | <p>Spring 2</p> | <p><u>What happens if we do wrong?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Developing their previous learning about the role of god and moral guidance, pupils explore the meaning of consequences to different people. They design and play Snakes-and-Ladders-style games to explore beliefs about reincarnation.</p> |

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| Summer 1 | <p><u>Why is water symbolic?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating the symbolism of water by exploring its use in rituals, ceremonies and religious stories. Pupils consider what water represents to different people, create poetry inspired by its meaning and reflect on how beliefs about water can influence actions and attitudes towards the environment.</p> | Summer 2 | <p><u>Why is fire used ceremonially?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Examining the symbolism of fire by exploring its use in ceremonies, celebrations and acts of remembrance. Pupils investigate Hindu fire rituals, create freeze frames to represent different ceremonies and design a candle to commemorate a special person or event.</p> |
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Year 4

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| <p>Autumn 1</p> | <p><u>Are all religions equal?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring the origins of various religions, children discover geographical and historical connections among them by investigating Sikh and Bahá'í beliefs and practices.</p> | <p>Autumn 2</p> | <p><u>What makes some texts sacred?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Examining the role of scripture in different religions by exploring how sacred texts are used and treated. Pupils investigate what these practices reveal about the value placed on scripture, recognise how the Guru Granth Sahib is treated with great respect and analyse information collaboratively.</p> |
| <p>Spring 1</p> | <p><u>Just how important are our beliefs?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring how people show commitment to their beliefs by investigating practices such as ceremonies, charitable giving, dietary choices and clothing. Pupils use photographs, personal responses and information texts to examine why these expressions of commitment are important to different people.</p> | <p>Spring 2</p> | <p><u>Who was Jesus really?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Investigating the life and teachings of Jesus by exploring accounts from the Bible and examining how different people viewed him during his lifetime. Pupils learn about his ministry, consider different interpretations of his parables and miracles and explore the significance of his death and resurrection for many Christians.</p> |

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| Summer 1 | <p><u>Why is the Bible the best-selling book of all time?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating how the Christian Bible developed over time by exploring when it was written and the different types of writing it contains. Pupils examine how some Christians use the Bible today and apply their understanding by creating a presentation on its features and significance.</p> | Summer 2 | <p><u>Does the language of scripture matter?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring the use of different languages in religious scriptures by investigating what this can reveal about beliefs, identity and tradition. Pupils experiment with Arabic calligraphy, examine the role of language in sacred texts and use maps to retell stories of migration and diaspora.</p> |
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Year 5

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| <p>Autumn 1</p> | <p><u>Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Examining the idea of religious freedom by exploring historical and modern examples of people who have stood up for their beliefs. Pupils use debate and critical thinking to investigate controversial issues and consider different viewpoints on freedom of belief and expression.</p> | <p>Autumn 2</p> | <p><u>Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring the spread of Christian beliefs worldwide, children will look at how geography and history influenced Christian practices.</p> |
| <p>Spring 1</p> | <p><u>What happens when we die? (Part 1)</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Exploring beliefs about death and the afterlife by interpreting wisdom from religious and non-religious sources. Pupils investigate how different people mark a death, examine beliefs about what happens after death through scripture, poetry and readings and consider ideas about heaven and hell through art.</p> | <p>Spring 2</p> | <p><u>What happens when we die? (Part 2)</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Comparing beliefs about what happens after death by exploring concepts such as reincarnation and enlightenment. Pupils examine similarities and differences between these ideas and other beliefs they have studied and express their understanding through a visual representation of enlightenment.</p> |

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| <p>Summer 1</p> | <p><u>Who should get to be in charge?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Examining how leaders are chosen in different religions by exploring the influence of family connections, personal qualities and religious traditions. Pupils investigate the role of laws, revelations and individual characteristics and consider what makes an effective leader.</p> | <p>Summer 2</p> | <p><u>Why are some places in the world significant to believers?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating why certain places are significant to religious worldviews by using maps, photographs, texts and personal responses. Pupils explore what these places reveal about beliefs and culture and consider how people can visit religiously significant places respectfully, regardless of their own beliefs.</p> |
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Year 6

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| <p>Autumn 1</p> | <p><u>Why does religion look different around the world? (Part 1).</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Building on comparisons about the origins of the Abrahamic religions and considering how culture, tradition, migration and interpretation can affect how some religious practices are observed.</p> | <p>Autumn 2</p> | <p><u>Why does religion look different around the world? (Part 2)</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Examining how interpretation influences beliefs and practices within Dharmic religions by exploring the impact of culture, history, geography and tradition. Pupils investigate why different Buddhist schools have developed, compare a range of practices and reflect on how religion and worldviews can be expressed in diverse ways.</p> |
| <p>Spring 1</p> | <p><u>Why is it better to be there in person?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating the significance of pilgrimages and sacred journeys by exploring why certain places are important to different people. Pupils examine the experiences and challenges of pilgrimage and consider the value of visiting a place in person compared with learning about it in other ways.</p> | <p>Spring 2</p> | <p><u>Why is there suffering? (Part 1)</u></p> <p>8 lessons</p> <p>Exploring different responses to suffering by considering ideas about sin, free will and the existence of God. Pupils analyse stories and texts from a range of worldviews to investigate why some people turn to God during difficult times, while others see suffering as evidence against God's existence.</p> |

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| <p>Summer 1</p> | <p><u>Why is there suffering? (Part 2)</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Further examining different responses to suffering by exploring stories, texts and beliefs from a range of worldviews. Pupils consider how people make sense of suffering and investigate how beliefs and values can influence the ways individuals respond to difficult experiences.</p> | <p>Summer 2</p> | <p><u>What place does religion have in our world today?</u></p> <p>7 lessons</p> <p>Investigating the diversity of beliefs and worldviews by exploring personal perspectives, census data and digital maps. Pupils consider what these sources can reveal about religion in society, recognise their limitations and reflect on the importance of freedom of religion or belief and its role in citizenship.</p> |
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