

Vocabulary

Below are the vocabulary lists. These give an indication of the words that we want children to become familiar with during each key stage. They are not intended as a test list but show the kind of language staff will use and explain in lessons to broaden pupils' religious education and SMSC vocabulary and understanding.

Year A

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Reception Discovering	Theme: Special People Key Q: What makes people special? Vocab: friends friendship role model Jesus Christians God Miracles Moses Commandments Jew Judaism	Theme: Special Times Key Q: Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? Vocab: Jesus God's son Christmas nativity Bible belief incarnation	Theme: Special Places Key Q: What makes places special? Vocab: church weddings christenings Christians pray mosque Muslims/Islam naming ceremony synagogue Jews/Judaism	Theme: Special Times Key Q: Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? Vocab: Easter Christians palm cross resurrection Holy Week festival Good Friday hot cross buns sins	Theme: Being Special Key Q: What can we learn from stories? Vocab: truth Sikhs Islam Muslims Allah Hinduism Hindus Brahm Jesus Parable	Theme: Special People Key Q: Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians? Vocab: Bible Creator worship prayer Ten Commandments
A. Year 1 & 2 Exploring	Theme: Believing Key Q: What do Christians believe about God? Vocab: parable belief forgiveness worship loving praising prayer	Theme: Celebrations Key Q: Why does Christmas matter to Christians? Vocab: incarnation Gospel Bible advent Bethlehem thankfulness gratitude 'God on Earth'	Theme: Believing Key Q: Why is God important to Muslims? Vocab: Allah Muhammed pbuh Islam Qur'an prophet Shahadah worship creation paradise	Theme: Celebrations Key Q: Why does Easter matter to Christians? Vocab: incarnation salvation Holy Week resurrection Gospels Bible hope Palm Sunday Good Friday	Theme: Belonging Key Q: What does it mean to belong? Vocab: symbols symbolic belonging christening/baptism naming ceremony/Agigah marriage/wedding worship Christianity/Christians Islam/Muslims	Theme: Celebrations Key Q: How does being Jewish make a difference to family & celebration? Vocab: Judaism/Jewish mezuzah Menorah Shabbat Sukkoth Rosh Hashanah

A. Year 3 & 4 Connecting	Theme: Beliefs & Questions Key Q: What do different people believe God is like? Vocab: God Allah Christian/Muslim faith Trinity Qur'an Bible Shahadah	Theme: Symbols & Religious Expression Key Q: What are the deeper meanings of festivals? Vocab: Christmas Ramadan and Eid incarnation good news submission (to Allah) values commitment community self-control	Theme: Religion & the Individual Key Q: Keeping the five pillars: what difference does it make to Muslims? Vocab: five pillars prophet prayer fasting pilgrimage alms giving beliefs values	Theme: Beliefs & Questions Key Q: What matters to Christians about Easter? Religion: C Vocab: life after death sacrifice resurrection Gospels Easter Sunday Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday Good Friday Last Supper Lent symbols rituals	Theme: Religion & the Individual Key Q: Can religious teachings help us decide what is the best way to live? Vocab: temptation the fall commands guidance inspirational Beatitudes 'Golden Rule'	Theme: Beliefs in Action in the World Key Q: Can Christian Aid and Islamic Relief change the world? Vocab: Christian Aid Islamic Relief Islam: Almsgiving Zakat Ummah generosity Christianity: charity fellowship justice stewardship General: fundraising fairness being empowered
A. Year 5 & 6 Connecting	Theme: Religion, family & community Key Q: What does commitment look like in our community? Vocab: Rite of Passage birth transition to adulthood membership marriage death baptism confirmation Bar Mitzvah	Theme: Religion and the individual Key Q: How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birth, and show their beliefs about Jesus? Vocab: Messiah (Christ) Jesus (God saves) Advent (the coming) prophets incarnate	Theme: Worship, Pilgrimage & Sacred Places Key Q: Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers? Vocab: pilgrimage Holy Land Lourdes Lindisfarne Vatican hajj Mecca/Makkah spiritual significance	Theme: The Journey of Life & Death Key Q: What happened after Easter? Vocab: Easter crucifixion resurrection death life despair hope love	Theme: The Journey of Life & Death Key Q: Why do believers often see life as a journey & what significant experiences mark this? Vocab: life, death, soul Muslim terms: Imam Qur'an Makkah,	Theme: Inspirational People Key Q: Who was Guru Nanak? Why and how do people follow these leaders? Vocab: Sikh Guru Nanak service langar share Sikhism Bhai Guru Granth

	Bat Mitzvah Sacred Thread Ceremony cremation mourning funeral		impact	forgiveness transformation symbols	The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Allah The Five Pillars: Shahadah, Salah, Zakah, Sawm, Hajj Hindu terms: Bhagavad Gita samskaras moksha dharma karma reincarnation River Ganges pyre Christian terms: Jesus Bible resurrection heaven church community fellowship	Sahib Gurdwara Guru equal belief worship Khanda
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Year B

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B. Year 1 & 2 Exploring	Theme: Believing Key Q: The beginning of the world: what can we learn from special Christian and Jewish stories? Vocab: creation creator God Christian Jewish Bible Torah Genesis Shema Shabbat	Theme: Story Key Q: Why do Christians love the stories of Jesus? Vocab: Christian Jesus parable Samaritan sorry forgive forgiveness sheep shepherd lost found good bad neighbour son	Theme: Leaders & Teachers Key Q: Who is an inspiring person & who inspires you? Vocab: inspire leader teacher Moses Israelites disciples Zaccheus trust Torah Bible	Theme: Celebrations Key Q: Is it true Jesus came back to life? Vocab: Easter tomb crucifixion resurrection heaven life after death cross symbolise new life	Theme: Symbols Key Q: What makes some places sacred? Vocab: symbols holy sacred worship belief church synagogue mosque church: altar, cross, crucifix, font, lectern, candles and the symbol of light, pulpit synagogue: ark, Ner Tamid, Torah scroll, tzitzit (tassels), tefillin, tallit (prayer shawl) and kippah (skullcap), hanukkah, bimah mosque/masjid: wudu; calligraphy, prayer mat, prayer beads, minbar, mihrab, muezzin	Theme: Myself Key Q: How should we show care for others? Vocab: Bible creator good and bad right and wrong 'Golden Rule' friendship unique important special gifts talents giving
B. Year 3 & 4 Connecting	Theme: Inspirational People Key Q: How does a Christian follow Jesus? Vocab: role model qualities	Theme: Symbols & Religious Expression Key Q: What are the deeper meanings of festivals? Vocab: festivals Christmas	Theme: Beliefs in Action in the World Key Q: Who has made a difference to the world because of their faith? How and why? Vocab: Ghandi	Theme: The Journey of Life & Death Key Q: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday? Vocab: Good Friday	Theme: Beliefs in Action in the World Key Q: How and why do believers care for others and the world? Vocab: creation	Theme: Religion, family & community Key Q: How can we make Wiltshire/my town a more respectful place? Vocab: beliefs

	inspire teachings source of authority values Holy Spirit	Advent Diwali Lakshmi symbols rituals shared values commitments	John Sentamu qualities inspiring human rights justice fairness	resurrection Jerusalem Gospel Easter Palm Sunday Easter Sunday Holy Week palm cross crucifix salvation	stewardship Brahma Ahimsa human responsibility social justice environment charities	customs communities diversity community harmony acceptance conflict cohesion respect
B. Year 5 & 6 Connecting	Theme: Worship, Pilgrimage & Sacred Places Key Q: if God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship? Vocab: tradition community believers churches mandirs synagogue deity Anglican Baptist Orthodox Reform	Theme: Inspirational People Key Q: What would Jesus do? Can people live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century? Vocab: teachings interpretations impact moral dilemma love forgiveness justice and fairness generosity	Theme: Teachings & Authority Key Q: What makes some books sacred, how are they used and why do they matter to believers? Vocab: Bible Qur'an Angel Jibril Prophet Muhammad Arabic Hafiz Allah dictated scriptures translation version parable moral	Theme: The Journey of Life & Death Key Q: What do religions say to us when life gets hard? Vocab: life death suffering 'big questions' life after death heaven salvation judgement karma samsara reincarnation moksha ceremonies	Theme: Symbols & Religious Expression Key Q: Is it better to express your religion in art and architecture or in charity? Vocab: contrasting architecture religious art representational art geometrical art charitable acts sacred space	Theme: Beliefs in Action in the World Key Q: Justice & Poverty: Can religions help to build a fair world? Vocab: budget charity choice collection compensate donation essential Guru honest income mite offering parable plague poverty tithe wealth zakah