RE Progression Map

Christianity

This map shows the progression for core learning across school. Teachers can also access digging deeper materials for classes where appropriate.

Key

Making Sense Of The Text

Understanding The Impact

Making Connections

Concept		Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
God	Enquiry Question			What does it mean if	
The existence of God.				God is holy and loving? 2B.1	
Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Outcomes			Identify some different types of biblical texts, using technical terms accurately. Explain connections between biblical texts	
				and Christian ideas of God, using theological terms. Make clear connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe	

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		about God; for
		example, through how
		churches are designed.
		Show how Christians
		put their beliefs into
		practice in worship.
		Weigh up how biblical
		ideas and teachings
		about God as holy and
		loving might make a
		difference in the world
		today, developing
		insights of their own.
Knowledge		Christians believe
Movieuge		God is omnipotent,
		omniscient and
		eternal, and that this
		means God is worth
		worshipping.
		Christians believe
		God is both holy and
		loving, and Christians
		have to balance ideas
		of God being angered
		by sin and injustice
		(see Fall) but also
		loving, forgiving, and
		full of grace.
		Christians do not all
		agree about what God
		is like, but try to follow

	Key Vocabulary			his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. • Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information. Omnipotent, Omniscient, Eternal, Loving, Sin, Injustice, Full of grace, His path	
Creation & Fall The Universe and	Enquiry Question	Who made the world? 1.2 (KS1)	What do Christians learn from the Creation story? 2A.1		Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?
human life are God's			•		2B.2
creation. Humans are made in God's image Separation between God and humans /	Outcomes	Retell the story of creation from Genesis 1:1–2.3 simply. Recognise that 'Creation'	Place the concepts of God and Creation on a timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'.		Outline the importance of Creation on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible.
humans with each other and environment.		is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible.	Make clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about		Identify what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is, and its
		Say what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world.	God and Creation. Describe what Christians do because they believe		Taking account of the context, suggest what
		Give at least one example of what Christians do to say thank you to God for the Creation.	God is Creator. (For example, follow God, wonder at how amazing God's creation is; care		Genesis 1 might mean, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing

	Think, talk and ask	for the earth in some	awareness of different
	questions about living in	specific ways.)	interpretations.
	an amazing world.		
		Ask questions and	Make clear
		suggest answers about	connections between
		what might be important	Genesis 1 and Christian
		in the creation story for	belief about God as
		Christians living today,	Creator.
		and for people who are	
		not Christians.	Show understanding of
			why many Christians
			find science and faith
			go together.
			Identify key ideas
			arising from their study
			of Genesis 1 and
			comment on how far
			these are helpful or
			inspiring, justifying
			their responses.
			Weigh up how far the
			Genesis 1 creation
			narrative is in conflict,
			or is complementary,
			with a scientific
			account.
Knowledge	 God created the 	God the Creator cares	There is much debate
	universe.	for the creation,	and some controversy
	The Earth and	including human beings.	around the relationship
	everything in it are	As human beings are	between the accounts
	important to God.	part of God's good	of creation in Genesis

		God has a unique	creation, they do best	and contemporary
		relationship with human	when they listen to God.	scientific accounts.
		beings as their Creator	• The Bible shows that	These debates and
		and Sustainer. • Humans	God wants to help	controversies relate to
		should care for the world	•	
			people to be close to him	the purpose and
		because it belongs to	— he keeps his	interpretation of the
		God.	relationship with them,	texts. For example,
			gives them guidelines on	does reading Genesis
			good ways to live (such	as a poetic account
			as the Ten	conflict with scientific
			Commandments).	accounts?
			Christians believe God	There are many
			made our wonderful	scientists throughout
			world and so we should	history and now who
			look after it.	are Christians.
				The discoveries of
				science make
				Christians wonder even
				more about the power
				and majesty of the
				Creator.
	Key Vocabulary	Genesis, Creation, Big	Wonder, Guidelines	Compare, Awareness,
		Story of the Bible,		Interpret, Faith,
		Christians, God, Earth,		Conflict,
		Universe, Creator,		Complimentary
		Sustainer		
People of God	Enquiry Question	What is it like to follow		How can following
God's plan to save		God?		God bring freedom
humanity through his		2A.2		and justice? 2B.3
chosen people	Outcomes	Make clear links between		Explain connections
rr		the story of Noah and the		between the story of
		idea of covenant.		Moses and the
				concepts of freedom
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	Make simple links	and salvation, using
	between promises in the	theological terms.
	story of Noah and	
	promises that Christians	Make clear
	make at a wedding	connections between
	ceremony.	Bible texts studied and
		what Christians believe
		about being the People
	Make links between the	of God and how they
	story of Noah and how	should behave.
	we live in school and the	
	wider world.	Explain ways in which
		some Christians put
		their beliefs into
		practice by trying to
		bring freedom to
		others.
		Identify ideas about
		freedom and justice
		arising from their study
		of Bible texts and
		comment on how far
		these are helpful or
		inspiring, justifying
		their responses
Knowledge	The Old Testament tells	• The Old Testament
Kilowieuge	the story of a particular	pieces together the
	group of people, the	story of the People of
	children of Israel known	God.
	as the People of God —	• The story of Moses
	·	and the Exodus shows
	and their relationship	
	with God.	how God rescued his

	Key Vocabulary	The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him. They believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises. Noah, Covenant, Promise, Wedding Ceremony,		people from slavery in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus' death and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin. • Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others; for example, loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice, and telling the story of Jesus. Freedom, Inspiring, Serve, Moses Exodus
		Israel, People of God, Relationship, Follow,		
Incarnation Jesus is the saviour,	Enquiry Question	Why does Christmas matter to Christians? 1.3 (KS1)	What is the Trinity? 2A.3	Was Jesus the Messiah? 2B.4
God come to live with humans	Outcomes	Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians.	Identify the difference between a 'Gospel', which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus, and a letter. Offer suggestions about	Explain the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible. Identify Gospel and prophecy texts, using
			what texts about	technical terms.

Knowledge	Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels. Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas. Decide what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas time.	baptism and Trinity might mean. Give examples of what these texts mean to some Christians today. Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship (in baptism and prayer, for example) and in the way they live. Make links between some Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity, expressing clearly some ideas of their own about what the God of Christianity is like.	Explain connections between biblical texts, Incarnation and Messiah, using theological terms. Show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' Incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas. Comment on how the idea that Jesus is the Messiah makes sense in the wider story of the Bible. Weigh up how far the idea that Jesus is the Messiah — a Saviour from God — is important in the world today and, if it is true, what difference that might make in people's lives. • Jesus was Jewish.
Knowledge	 Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. 	 Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians believe The Father creates; he sends 	Jesus was Jewish.Christians believeJesus is God in the flesh.

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	The Bible points out	the Son who saves his	They believe that his
	that his birth showed that	people; the Son sends	birth, life, death and
	he was extraordinary (for	the Holy Spirit to his	resurrection were part
	example, he is	followers.	of a longer plan by God
	worshipped as a king, in	 Christians find that 	to restore the
	Matthew) and that he	understanding God is	relationship between
	came to bring good news	challenging; people	humans and God.
	(for example, to the poor,	spend their whole lives	 The Old Testament
	in Luke).	learning more and more	talks about a 'rescuer'
	 Christians celebrate 	about God.	or 'anointed one' — a
	Jesus' birth; Advent for	 Christians really want 	messiah. Some texts
	Christians is a time of	to try to understand God	talk about what this
	getting ready for Jesus'	better and so try to	'messiah' would be
	coming.	describe God using	like.
		symbols, similes and	 Christians believe
		metaphors, in song,	that Jesus fulfilled
		story, poems and art.	these expectations,
		 Christians worship God 	and that he is the
		as Trinity. It is a huge	Messiah. (Jewish
		idea to grasp and	people do not think
		Christians have created	Jesus is the Messiah.)
		art to help to express this	 Christians see Jesus
		belief.	as their Saviour (See
		 Christians believe the 	Salvation).
		Holy Spirit is God's	
		power at work in the	
		world and in their lives	
		today, enabling them to	
		follow Jesus.	
Key Vocabulary	Jesus, Birth, Gospel,	Baptism, Trinity, Son,	Messiah, Prophecy,
	Nativity, Christmas,	Save, Challenging,	Saviour, Jewish, God in
	Bethlehem,	Symbols, Similes,	the Flesh, Restore,
	Extraordinary, King, Good	Metaphors, God's Power	, ,

		News, Advent,			Rescuer, Anointed
		Incarnation			One, Expectations
Gospel	Enquiry Question		What kind of world	What would Jesus	
			did Jesus want? 2A.4	do? 2B.5	
Good news, Jesus'	Outcomes		Identify this as part of a	Identify features of	
examples and			'Gospel', which tells the	Gospel texts (for	
teachings			story of the life and	example, teachings,	
			teaching of Jesus.	parable, narrative).	
			Make clear links between	Taking account of the	
			the calling of the first	context, suggest	
			disciples and how	meanings of Gospel	
			Christians today try to	texts studied, and	
			follow Jesus and be	compare their ideas	
			'fishers of people'.	with ways in which	
				Christians interpret	
			Offer suggestions about	biblical texts, showing	
			what Jesus' actions	awareness of different	
			towards the leper might mean for a Christian.	interpretations.	
			mean for a christian.	Make clear	
			Make simple links	connections between	
			between Bible texts and	Gospel texts, Jesus'	
			the concept of 'Gospel'	'good news', and how	
			(good news).	Christians live in the	
				Christian community	
			Give examples of how	and in their individual	
			Christians try to show	lives.	
			love to all, including how		
			members of the clergy	Relate biblical ideas,	
			follow Jesus' teaching.	teachings or beliefs	
				(for example, about	
				peace, forgiveness,	

		Make links between the	healing) to the issues,
		Bible stories studied and	problems and
		the importance of love,	opportunities of their
		and life in the world	own lives and the life
		today, expressing some	of their own
		ideas of their own	community in the
		clearly.	world today, offering
			insights of their own.
Knowle	edge	 Christians believe Jesus 	The good news is not
		challenges everyone	just about setting an
		about how to live — he	example for good
		sets the example for	behaviour and
		loving God and your	challenging bad
		neighbour, putting	behaviour: it is that
		others first.	Jesus offers a way to
		 Jesus shows love and 	heal the damage done
		forgiveness to unlikely	by human sin.
		people.	Christians see that
		 Christians try to be like 	Jesus' teachings and
		Jesus — they want to	example cut across
		know him better	expectations — the
		and better.	Sermon on the Mount
		 Christians try to put his 	is an example of this,
		teaching and example	where Jesus' values
		into practice in lots of	favour serving the
		ways, from church	weak and vulnerable,
		worship to social justice.	not making people
			comfortable.
			Christians believe
			that they should bring
			this good news to life
			in the world in
			different ways, within

	Key Vocabulary		Calling, Disciple, Fishers of People, Leper, Clergy, Neighbour, Forgiveness, Social Justice	their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community Teachings, Parable, Narrative, Interpret, Community, Heal, Sermon on the Mount, Local, Nation, Global	
Salvation Jesus' death and	Enquiry Question	What does Easter mean to Christians? 1.5 (KS1)	Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? 2A.5	What did Jesus do to save human beings? 2B.6	What difference does the Resurrection make
resurrection effect the					to Christians? 2B.7
rescue of humans	Outcomes	Recognise that Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible. Tell stories of Holy Week	Order Creation and Fall, Incarnation, Gospel and Salvation within a timeline of the Bible's 'big story'.	Outline the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible, explaining how Incarnation and Salvation fit within it.	Outline the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible, explaining the place within it of the ideas of Incarnation and Salvation.
		and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people).	Offer suggestions for what the texts about the entry into Jerusalem, and the death and resurrection of Jesus	Explain what Christians mean when they say that Jesus' death was a sacrifice, using theological terms.	Suggest meanings for resurrection accounts, and compare their ideas with ways in
		Recognise that Jesus gives instructions about how to behave.	might mean. Give examples of what the texts studied mean	Suggest meanings for narratives of Jesus' death/resurrection,	which Christians interpret these texts, showing awareness of the centrality of the
		Give at least three examples of how Christians show their	to some Christians.	comparing their ideas with ways in which	Christian belief in Resurrection.

beliefs about Jesus' death Make simple links Christians interpret **Explain connections** and resurrection in between the Gospel these texts. between Luke 24 and church worship at Easter. texts and how Christians Make clear the Christian concepts mark the Easter events in connections between of Sacrifice, Think, talk and ask their church the Christian belief in Resurrection, questions about whether communities. Jesus' death as a Salvation, Incarnation the story of Easter has sacrifice and how and Hope, using anything to say to them **Describe how Christians** Christians celebrate theological terms. about sadness, hope or show their beliefs about Holv Communion/Lord's heaven, exploring Palm Sunday, Good Make clear different ideas. Friday and Easter Sunday Supper. connections between in worship. Christian belief in the **Show how Christians** Resurrection and how Make links between put their beliefs into Christians worship on some of the stories and **Good Friday and Easter** practice. teachings in the Bible Sunday. and life in the world Weigh up the value today, expressing some and impact of ideas of Show how Christians ideas of their own sacrifice in their own put their beliefs into lives and the world clearly. practice in different today. ways. Explain why some people find belief in the Resurrection makes sense and inspires them. Offer and justify their own responses as to what difference belief in Resurrection might make to how people

Knowledge	Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible. Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.	Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection. The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do. Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today. Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.	 Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God. The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. The New Testament says that Jesus' death was somehow 'for us'. Christians interpret this in a variety of ways: for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as a victory over sin, death and the devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God: 	respond to challenges and problems in the world today. • Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God. • The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. • Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end. • This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (heaven).
			everyone's sins;	new life (neaven).

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				the service of Holy	
				Communion (also	
				called the Lord's	
				Supper, the Eucharist	
				or the Mass).	
				 Christians believe 	
				that Jesus calls them to	
				sacrifice their own	
				needs to the needs of	
				others, and some are	
				prepared to die for	
				others and for their	
				faith.	
	Key Vocabulary	Salvation, Easter, Holy	Jerusalem, Palm Sunday,	Sacrifice, Holy	Luke 24, Hope,
		Week, Rescue,	Good Friday, Easter	Communion	Restoration, Incarnate
		Instructions, Beliefs,	Sunday		
		Death, Resurrection,			
		Church Worship, Heaven			
Kingdom of God	Enquiry Question	What was the impact		What kind of king is	
		of Pentecost? 2A.6		Jesus? 2B.8	
God's ideals for human	Outcomes	Make clear links between		Explain connections	
life in the world		the story of the Day of		between biblical texts	
		Pentecost and Christian		and the concept of the	
		belief about the Kingdom		Kingdom of God.	
		of God on Earth.			
				Consider different	
		Offer suggestions about		possible meanings for	
		what the description of		the biblical texts	
		Pentecost in Acts 2 might		studied, showing	
		mean.		awareness of different	
				interpretations.	
				Make clear	
				connections between	

·	belief in the Kingdom
Pentecost means to some	of God and how
Christians now.	Christians put their
	beliefs into practice in
Make simple links	different ways,
between the description	including in worship
of the Day of Pentecost in	and in service to the
Acts 2, the Holy Spirit and	community.
the Kingdom of God, and	
how Christians live their	Relate Christian
whole lives and in their	teachings or beliefs
church communities.	about God's Kingdom
	to the issues, problems
Make links between ideas	and opportunities of
about the Kingdom of	their own lives and the
God explored in the Bible	life of their own
and what people believe	community in the
about following God in	world today, offering
the world today,	insights about whether
expressing some of their	or not the world could
own ideas.	or should learn from
	Christian ideas.
Christians believe that	Jesus told many
Jesus inaugurated the	parables about the
'Kingdom of God' — i.e.	Kingdom of God. These
Jesus' whole life was a	suggest that God's rule
demonstration of his	has begun, through the
belief that God is King,	life, teaching and
not just in heaven but	example of Jesus, and
here and now ('Your	subsequently through
kingdom come, your will	the lives of Christians
be done on earth as it is	who live in obedience
in heaven').	to God.
	Make simple links between the description of the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit and the Kingdom of God, and how Christians live their whole lives and in their church communities. Make links between ideas about the Kingdom of God explored in the Bible and what people believe about following God in the world today, expressing some of their own ideas. • Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the 'Kingdom of God' — i.e. Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is King, not just in heaven but here and now ('Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is

	 Christians believe Jesus 	 The Kingdom is 	
	is still alive, and rules in	compared to a feast	
	their hearts and lives by	where all are invited to	
	the Holy Spirit, if they let	join in. Not everyone	
	him.	chooses to do so.	
	 Christians believe that 	 Many Christians try 	
	after Jesus returned to be	to extend the Kingdom	
	with God the Father, he	of God by challenging	
	sent the Holy Spirit at	unjust social structures	
	Pentecost to help the	in their locality and in	
	Church to make Jesus'	the world.	
	invisible Kingdom visible		
	by living lives that reflect		
	the love of God.		
	 Christians celebrate 		
	Pentecost as the		
	beginning of the Church.		
Key Vocabulary	Pentecost, Kingdom of	Feast, Unjust, Social	
	God, Acts, Holy Spirit,	Structures	
	Church Communities,		
	God The Father		

Judaism

Discovery RE	Year 3	Year 4			
Enquiry	How special is the relationship Jews	How important is it for Jewish people to	What is the best way for a Jew to show		
Question	have with God? JUDAISM (Beliefs and	do what God asks them to do? JUDAISM	commitment to God? JUDAISM (Rites of		
Q0.000.011	Practices)	(Passover)	Passage and Good Works		
Outcomes	Explain why agreements are important	Discuss why I would follow an	Explain why I can do certain things at		
	and why they should be kept. Give	instruction not to eat certain foods,	certain ages and why some things need		
	examples of agreements and contracts	who I would listen to and why.	to wait until a certain age.		
	and explain how I would feel if one was				
	broken. Say an affirmation I would like	Describe some of the things Jews can	Say what I am most committed to in my		
	to make.	and cannot eat if they keep Kosher.	life and explain which things are less important to me.		
	Tell a Jewish story and say something	Describe some of the things Jews do to			
	Jewish people believe. Start to explain	show their respect to God.	Talk about something that is important		
	what makes Jewish people believe they		to Jews and to express my		
	have a special relationship with God.	Ask questions about the Seder meal and Kashrut to find out why they are	understanding as to how it might feel to do this if I were Jewish. Express an		
	Start to explain the significance of an aspect of Jews' relationship with God.	important.	opinion of which might be the best ways for Jews to show their		
	Tell some of the ways Jewish people express their special relationship with	Think about how it might feel to keep Kashrut.	commitment to God and start to give reasons.		
	God and understand how it might feel.				
Knowledge	Understand the special relationship	Understand how celebrating Passover	Understand how Jews show their		
	between Jews and God and the promises	and keeping Kashrut helps Jews show	commitment to God, comparing their		
	they make to each other.	God they value the special relationship	practices to explore which shows the		
		with him.	most commitment.		

Key Vocabulary	Judaism, Jewish, Jew, Special	Passover, Kashrut, Special Relationship,	Commitment, restrictions
,	Relationship, Promise, Agreement,	Kosher, Seder	
	Contract, Affirmation		

Islam

Discovery RE	Year 5		Year 6		
Enquiry Question	How Special is Allah to Muslims? ISLAM (To include overview of ISLAM)	What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?	Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? (Part 1)	Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? (Part 2)	
Outcomes	I can talk about the respect I feel for others and how that might be evident in the way I treat people. Describe some of the attributes (names) of Allah and some of the actions that a Muslim might take to demonstrate respect to Allah. Talk about what I think respect means and how I show this in my life in relation to the actions I have learnt about.	Express why showing commitment to something might be a good thing. Show an understanding of why people show commitment in different ways. Describe how different practices enable Muslims to show their commitment to God and understand some these will be more significant to some Muslims than others will.	Give examples of times my choices have been influenced and may have changed when I considered the consequences that might follow. Explain how believing in Akhirah influences Muslims to do their best to lead good lives. Recognise what motivates or influences me to lead a good life and compare it with what motivates and influences Muslims.	Give examples of a time when I misinterpreted something. Explain two different Muslim interpretations of Jihad. Recognise what motives me or influences me to lead a good life and compare it to what motivates and influences Muslims.	

		Think of some ways of showing commitment to God that would be better than others would for		
Knowledge	Understand why Muslims show respect to Allah and how they do this.	Muslims. Understand some of the ways Muslims show commitment to God and evaluate whether there is a best way.	The concept of Jihad can be interpreted differently leading to different actions and consequences.	The concept of Jihad can be interpreted differently leading to different actions and consequences.
Key Vocabulary	Muslim, Allah, Respect, Demonstrate, Actions	Commitment	Jihad, Consequences, Motivates, Influences	Akhirah, interpret