



St Mary's Church of England Primary School



RE Progression of Skills

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Talk about a religious story	Retell a religious (eg Christian, Hindu etc) story and talk about it .	Retell a religious story and suggest meanings to some religious and moral stories.	Describe what a believer might learn from a religious story/sacred text. Reflect and respond thoughtfully .	Make links between the beliefs (teachings, sources, etc) of the different religions studied and show how they are connected to believers' lives.	Suggest reasons for the similar and different beliefs which people hold, and explain how religious sources are used to provide answers to important questions about life and morality.	Describe, connect and explain different features of religion and worldviews in terms of celebration, worship, pilgrimage and the rituals which mark important points in life.
Talk about some belonging ceremonies. (eg Christening)	Recall and name different beliefs and practices, including festival, worship rituals and ways of life.	Ask and respond to questions about why religious communities do different things.	Describe and begin to make links between some of the things that are the same and different for religious people.	Use the correct religious vocabulary to describe and compare what practices and experiences may be involved in belonging to different religious groups.	Begin to explain, with reasons, the meaning and significance religion/faith to individuals and communities.	Understand and explain how concepts/beliefs resonate in their own life and in the life of a believer and how this impacts on the way they and a believer chooses to live their life.
Talk about a religious symbol. (eg star at Christmas)	Recognise religious art, symbols and words and talk about them .	Recognise that religious symbols, words and actions express a community way of living.	Use religious vocabulary to describe some of the different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning.	Verbalise and/or express their own thoughts about belief, ways of living and expressing meaning, using a range of media.	Show understanding of the similarities and differences in forms of religious, spiritual and moral expression found within and between religions and begin to apply their knowledge to their own understanding of	Consistently use correct religious and philosophical vocabulary in explaining what the significance of different forms of religious, spiritual and moral expression might be for believers.

					religious and spiritual expression of belief and value.	
Talk about their family.	Begin to ask questions about the faith communities in their school.	Notice and respond sensitively to some similarities between different religious and worldviews.	Compare their own understanding of belonging with that of someone else's. Identify similarities and differences .	Verbalise their own understanding of the concept/belief , e.g. belonging, and start to relate this to the people they are studying e.g. Jewish people.	Begin to consider and apply ideas about ways in which diverse communities can live together for the well-being of all and respond thoughtfully to ideas about community, values and respect.	Consider the challenges and impact of belonging to a religion today with reference to our own and other people's views on human nature and society, supporting those views with reasons and examples.
Say how they feel when they are happy or sad.	Think about the special things that happen to them and others.	Explore questions about meaning and truth. Discuss sacred writings and sources of wisdom.	Ask important questions about life and compare their ideas with those of other people.	Begin to apply their own and others' ideas to a given question and support their viewpoint with facts and evidence.	Represent the views of others about meaning, purpose and truth.	Use reasoning and examples to express confidently insights into their own and others' views on questions about the meaning and purpose of life and the search for truth.
Say why their family is important to them.	Think about what is important to them and to other people.	Begin to express their ideas and opinions and to recognise there could be more than one answer.	Link things that are important to them and other people with the way they think and behave.	Confidently ask questions about the moral decisions they make and suggest what might happen as a result of different decisions , including those made with reference to religious beliefs/ values.	Apply and express their own and others' ideas about ethical questions, including ideas about what is right and wrong and what is just and fair.	Use reasoning and a range of examples to express insights into the relationship between beliefs, teachings and world issues. Reflect on their own ideas .