



# St Mary's Church of England Primary School



## RE Medium Term plan 2022-2033

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Reception</b>	<p><b>Who made the wonderful world and why?</b> <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is precious to you?</li> <li>• How do Christians believe the world begun?</li> <li>• What is special about the natural world?</li> <li>• What makes us unique?</li> <li>• What and who do Christians believe is precious to God?</li> <li>• Why is Harvest important?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why is Christmas special for Christians?</b> <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do people prepare for a birth of a baby?</li> <li>• How did Mary know she was going to have a baby?</li> <li>• How did Mary and Joseph feel about having a baby?</li> <li>• How do Christians prepare for the Special day of Christians?</li> <li>• What story do Christians remember at Christmas and why?</li> <li>• Why is Christmas Special for Christians?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why do Christians believe Jesus is so special?</b> <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is special to Christians?</li> <li>• Why do Christians believe that they are special to Jesus?</li> <li>• What made Jesus a special child for Christians?</li> <li>• What made Jesus a special grown up?</li> <li>• What made Jesus a special grown up?</li> <li>• What did Jesus teach Christians?</li> </ul>	<p><b>What is so special about Easter?</b> <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the donkey's special job?</li> <li>• What was special about Jesus' meal with his friends?</li> <li>• Why did Jesus go to a special garden?</li> <li>• Why is the cross special?</li> <li>• What is special about the stone?</li> <li>• What is so special about Easter?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Who care for this special world and why?</b> <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• why should we care for our special world?</li> <li>• How can we care for our world every day?</li> <li>• How can we care for the animals in our special world?</li> <li>• How can we care for our school?</li> <li>• How can we care for our neighbors?</li> <li>• How does the church care for God's special world?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How did Jesus care for his people?</b> <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did Jesus rescue people who were afraid?</li> <li>• How did Jesus rescue people who were lonely?</li> <li>• He did Jesus rescue people who were sad?</li> <li>• How did Jesus rescue people who were sick?</li> <li>• How did Jesus rescue people who couldn't see?</li> <li>• How did Jesus rescue people who needed food?</li> </ul>

<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p><b>What responsibility has God given people about taking care of Creation?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do people treat God's creation?</li> <li>• How should Christians follow God's instructions for taking care of creation?</li> <li>• What would you like to ask about creation?</li> <li>• What does it mean for a Christian to be made in God's image?</li> <li>• How do Christians' care for the people God created?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why is each person important in the Nativity story?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angels - what was the Good News?</li> <li>• Mary and Joseph – why were they chosen?</li> <li>• Shepherds – why did they leave their flocks?</li> <li>• Herod – why was Herod jealous?</li> <li>• Wisemen – why was each gift so special?</li> </ul>	<p><b>What is it like to live as a Jewish person?</b>  <u>Big questions – Judaism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why are these objects special?</li> <li>• What is the Star of David and the Menorah important to a Jewish person?</li> <li>• What is the Torah and how is it used in the Jewish faith?</li> <li>• What is the importance of Shabbat within the Jewish faith?</li> <li>• How do Jewish people worship in the synagogue?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happened on Palm Sunday and what does it teach us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What happened at the Last Supper and what does it teach us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What happened on Good Friday and what does it teach us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What happened on Easter Sunday and what does it teach us about Jesus?</li> </ul>	<p><b>What does it mean to be a Muslim?</b>  <u>Big questions - Muslims</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do we know about Islam and what do we want to know? Why is the Qur'an special to Muslims?</li> <li>• What do stories teach us about Muslim beliefs?</li> <li>• How are Muslim babies welcomed into the world?</li> <li>• How, why and to whom do Muslims pray?</li> <li>• How, why and to whom do Muslims pray?</li> <li>• What does it mean to be a Muslim? Assessment lesson.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why did Jesus tell stories?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why did Jesus tell stories?</li> <li>• What does Jesus teach about caring for people who are lost?</li> <li>• What do you think makes a good listener? Why is it important for believers to listen to God?</li> <li>• Who is my neighbour?</li> <li>• Why did Jesus tell stories?</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Year 2</b></p>	<p><b>Why did Jesus teach the Lord's prayer as the way to pray?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is prayer?</li> <li>• What did Jesus mean when He said pray 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'?</li> <li>• What did Jesus mean when He said pray 'Give us today our daily bread'?</li> <li>• Do you think forgiving someone and being forgiven are important? If yes, why? If no, why not?</li> <li>• What did Jesus mean when He said pray 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'?</li> <li>• What does the Lord's prayer mean to Christians today and how does it help them in their daily life?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How does the symbol of light help us to understand the meaning of Christmas for Christians?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does Jesus mean when He says "I am the light of the world?"</li> <li>• What do you think the most important symbol on the Christmas is and why?</li> <li>• How and why do artists use the symbol of light in their religious paintings?</li> <li>• Who is your guiding light?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why are they having a party?</b>  <u>Big questions – Judaism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why are they having a party?</li> <li>• What is Rosh Hashanah?</li> <li>• What is Yom Kippur?</li> <li>• Why are they having another Jewish party? (Sukkot) What are the Jewish people remembering at the festival of Sukkot?</li> <li>• Why are they having another Jewish party? (Sukkot) What are the Jewish people remembering at the festival of Sukkot?</li> <li>• What are the Jewish people celebrating at their festival of Hanukkah?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do the symbols of Easter help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do different symbols help us to remember the story of Easter?</li> <li>• What do the symbols of bread and wine teach us about the meaning of Easter for Christians?</li> <li>• What does the symbol of the cross teach us about the meaning of Easter for Christians?</li> <li>• What does the symbol of the cross teach us about the meaning of Easter for Christians?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do the five pillars of Islam help a Muslim to show commitment to God (Allah)?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does it mean to make a commitment? How might a Muslim show their commitment to their faith?</li> <li>• How does a Muslim show their commitment to God (Allah) through prayer and confession of faith?</li> <li>• How does giving to charity show a commitment to God (Allah)? The third pillar of Islam: Zakat.</li> <li>• How does fasting show commitment to God (Allah)? The fourth pillar of Islam: Sawm – fasting.</li> <li>• How does pilgrimage show a commitment to God (Allah)?</li> <li>• How do the five pillars of Islam help a Muslim to show commitment to God (Allah)?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do you think people belong to a Christian community?</li> <li>• What is Baptism and what does it mean?</li> <li>• What promises are made by parents and Godparents at an infant Baptism and why are they important?</li> <li>• What happened when Jesus was baptised? What does his Baptism mean to Christians?</li> <li>• What does marriage in church mean to Christians?</li> <li>• Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p><b>What is the Bible's Big story?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the Bible?</li> <li>• What do the concepts Creation and Fall mean and how do they fit into the big story?</li> <li>• What does the concept People of God mean and how does it fit into the big story?</li> <li>• What does the concept Incarnation mean and why is it so significant to the big story?</li> <li>• What does the concept Gospel mean and how does it fit into the big story?</li> <li>• What do the concepts Salvation and Kingdom of God mean and how do they fit into the big story?</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional lessons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the Bible influence the lives of Christians today?</li> <li>• What is the big story? (Assessment)</li> </ul>	<p><b>How does the season of Advent and the feast of the Epiphany point towards the true meaning of Christmas?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did the prophets foretell about the first Christmas?</li> <li>• How did John the Baptist prepare the way?</li> <li>• Why did God choose Mary?</li> <li>• What clues does the feast of the Epiphany give us about Jesus' life?</li> <li>• How does Advent and the feast of the Epiphany help the Christian community live out the true meaning of Christmas?</li> </ul>	<p><b>What does it mean to be Jewish?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a promise/covenant?</li> <li>• What is the significance of the Shema?</li> <li>• What is the significance of Passover for Jewish people?</li> <li>• What is the importance of the seder meal for Jewish people?</li> <li>• What is the importance of the ten commandments for Jewish people?</li> <li>• What have I learnt about what it means to be Jewish?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Who is the most important person in the Easter story?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why did Judas betray Jesus?</li> <li>• What does Peter's denial say about the challenges of the Christian Faith?</li> <li>• What does Peter's denial say about the challenges of the Christian Faith?</li> <li>• Why were there women at the crucifixion of Jesus? Who is the most important person in the Easter story?</li> </ul>	<p><b>What did the Buddha teach his followers about life?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is Siddhartha and what did he discover?</li> <li>• What did the Buddha realise when he became enlightened?</li> <li>• What did the Buddha realise when he became enlightened?</li> <li>• What do you think causes suffering?</li> <li>• What do you think is the most important thing anyone can achieve during their lifetime?</li> <li>• What did the Buddha teach his followers about life?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Who is Jesus?</b>  <u>Big questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'I am the bread of life'</li> <li>• 'I am the light of the world'</li> <li>• 'I am the good shepherd'</li> <li>• 'I am the true vine'</li> <li>• 'I am the resurrection and the life'</li> <li>• Who does Jesus say he is?</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p><b>How did belief in God affect the actions of people in the Old Testament?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did Abra(ha)m demonstrate his faith in God?</li> <li>• How did Abra(ha)m demonstrate his faith in God?</li> <li>• How did Moses follow God's 'calling' for his life?</li> <li>• What does it mean for a believer to follow God's call?</li> <li>• How did Ruth demonstrate faith in God through selflessness?</li> <li>• Assessment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Is the Christmas message of peace still relevant for today's world?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do I understand Christmas to mean for many Christians? What does it mean to me?</li> <li>• What do you think the word 'peace' means?</li> <li>• Jesus is described as the Prince of Peace – what does this mean?</li> <li>• What does the Bible say about Jesus' message of peace?</li> <li>• Is this Christmas message of peace still relevant for today's world?</li> <li>• Is this Christmas message of peace still relevant for today's world?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do Hindus worship?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do Hindus have many images of God?</li> <li>• Why is the Aum symbol important to Hindus?</li> <li>• How do Hindus worship at home?</li> <li>• How does a Hindu priest help Hindus worship at the mandir?</li> <li>• Why do Hindus go on pilgrimage?</li> <li>• Assessment task</li> </ul>	<p><b>What is Holy Communion and how does it build a Christian Community?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did Jesus do and say at the Last Supper and how do Christians remember this today?</li> <li>• Why do Christians share in body and blood of Jesus at church?</li> <li>• How does the act of sharing Holy Communion influence a Christian's day to day life?</li> <li>• What is Jesus' legacy?</li> </ul>	<p><b>What does It Mean To Be a Hindu?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What Do We Already Know About Hinduism?</li> <li>• What Can We Learn From Hindu values?</li> <li>• What is Karma and how does it affect the life of a Hindu?</li> <li>• Is a Mandir Just a Place to Pray?</li> <li>• Why is Pilgrimage Important To Many Hindus?</li> <li>• What Does It Mean To Be a Hindu?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why is liturgy important to many Christians?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main ingredients of Christian public worship and why?</li> <li>• What might be the role of liturgy for Christians in building their relationships with God, with each other and with themselves?</li> <li>• How Do Individuals Respond to Different Elements of The Liturgy and How Are They Changed By Their Experiences?</li> <li>• How important are each of the different elements of the liturgy when compared to one another and what is the relationship between them?</li> <li>• What might be the role of liturgy for Christians in building their relationships with God, with each other and with themselves?</li> <li>• How would you create a liturgy for your school or your parish?</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p><b>What do the miracles tell us about Jesus?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the miracle at the wedding of Cana tell us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What does the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 tell us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What does the miracle of the woman who touched Jesus' garment tell us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What does the miracle of the healing of the paralysed man tell us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What does the miracle of the raising of Lazarus tell us about Jesus?</li> <li>• What do the miracles tell us about Jesus?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do art and music convey Christmas?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do the Gospel accounts reveal about the theology (beliefs) associated with the festival of Christmas?</li> <li>• How is the theology (beliefs) of Christmas represented in art today?</li> <li>• Do Christmas carols convey the central beliefs of Christmas to the world?</li> <li>• The Nativity narrative; whose story is it to tell? <b>(Additional time is required for this lesson.)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>How did the first five Sikh Gurus shape Sikhism?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did Nanak become Sikhism's first Guru?</li> <li>• Why is the Guru Granth Sahib important to Sikhs?</li> <li>• How is equality shown in the langar?</li> <li>• What does a Sikh wedding ceremony tell us about Sikh beliefs about marriage?</li> <li>• What was Guru Arjun Dev's greatest achievement?</li> <li>• Assessment task</li> </ul>	<p><b>What happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens in churches during Ash Wednesday?</li> <li>• What happens in churches on Palm Sunday?</li> <li>• What happens in churches on Maundy Thursday?</li> <li>• What happens in churches on Good Friday?</li> <li>• What happens in churches on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday?</li> <li>• Why are rituals important to a believer's life?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How did the final five human Sikh Gurus shape Sikhi?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why did Guru Hargobind wear two kirpans?</li> <li>• Why do Sikhs look to Guru Har Rai about care for the creation?</li> <li>• How did Guru Har Krishan cared for those who were dying? What do Sikhs believe about death?</li> <li>• In what ways was Guru Tegh Bahadur brave?</li> <li>• How and why was the Sikh Khalsa formed?</li> <li>• Assessment task</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do Muslims live and embrace their faith in a diverse world?</b>  <u>Weekly</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What difference do you think it would make to a Muslim to repeat the Shahadah and greeting several times a day?</li> <li>• Does connecting today's message with ancient buildings make a difference? If yes why and if not why not?</li> <li>• What does giving to charity mean for a Muslim?</li> <li>• What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p><b>What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is life like a journey?</li> <li>• How is the sacrament of baptism significant to a believer's life?</li> <li>• How is the sacrament of confirmation significant to a believer's life?</li> <li>• What does marriage mean for a believer?</li> <li>• What do Christians believe happens after we die?</li> <li>• What do Christians believe happens after we die?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do Christians advertise Christmas to show what Christmas means today?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What meaning do different advertisements give to Christmas and how might Christians feel about the meaning?</li> <li>• What meaning do the different Gospel accounts give to Christmas?</li> <li>• How and why does the church advertise Christmas?</li> <li>• What is needed in an advertisement for it to be effective in conveying the central Christian beliefs of Christmas?</li> </ul>	<p><b>What does it mean to be a Buddhist?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think causes suffering and how do you think we can overcome it?</li> <li>• What is the noble eight-fold path and how might this help a Buddhist in their daily life?</li> <li>• What do Buddhists understand about samsara and nirvana?</li> <li>• What does it mean to be part of the sangha for a Buddhist?</li> <li>• What does it mean to be a Buddhist?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How does the Christian festival of Easter offer hope?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do Christians believe the Easter Story helps people to understand the meaning of forgiveness?</li> <li>• How does Jesus' journey to the cross, offer signs of hope?</li> <li>• How does the Easter Story relate to God's plan of salvation?</li> <li>• How do the resurrection narratives point towards an understanding of Christian hope?</li> </ul>	<p><b>How has the Christian message survived 2000 years?</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the Christian message first spread? (Pentecost)</li> <li>• How did the Early Church protect the Christian message through the Apostle's Creed?</li> <li>• Why is Bible translation important in helping the Christian message survive?</li> <li>• How has the Christian message survived persecution in North Korea?</li> <li>• How does the church spread its message worldwide?</li> <li>• How does the local church spread the Christian message today in the UK?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Understanding faith in...</b>  <u>Weekly questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What faith and belief communities do we belong to? What faith and belief communities are in the area around the school?</li> <li>• How have faith and belief communities in our area changed over the past 50 years?</li> <li>• What can we find out about more our borough's faith and belief communities?</li> <li>• What can we tell each other about our places of worship?</li> <li>• What can we learn about one further faith and belief community? How has life in our borough / county been enriched by the diversity of the faiths and beliefs that make up the borough / county?</li> </ul>
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