Knowledge and Skills Progression for Religious Education



Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Knowledge and Understanding of Religion	To recognise and name some features of religious life and practice and beliefs. To begin to recall simple religious, spiritual and moral stories and begin to make connections to religious beliefs. To begin to recognise symbols and other forms of religious expression.	To recall a wider range of religious stories with confidence. To recognise symbols, and other verbal and visual forms of religious expression and begin to give meanings for these. To begin to understand that some religious practices are characteristics of more than one religion. To begin to make links between values and attitudes/behaviour.	To identify the impact of beliefs and practices on people's lives. To begin to recognise similarities between different religions and beliefs. To describe and suggest meanings for symbols and other forms of religious expression. To understand how some features of religions are used in festivals and practices. To make secure links between values and attitudes/ behaviour.	To continue to re-tell a vast range of religious stories and to confidently suggest meanings for religious actions and symbols using technical terminology. To recognise and describe the similarities and differences between different religions and gather and organise ideas about these. To suggest meanings for forms of religious expression, using appropriate vocabulary. To draw connections between beliefs, values and practices and the understand the impact these have.	To make links between beliefs and sources, questions, values and practices including religious stories and sacred texts in different belief systems. To begin to identify the impact religion has on believers' lives and a wider range of communities. To explain how and why differences in belief are expressed. To recognise diversity within religious expression.	To use religious and philosophical terminology and concepts to explain religions, beliefs and value systems To explain some of the challenges offered by the variety of religions within the contemporary world. To confidently identify the influences on, and distinguish between, different viewpoints within religions and beliefs. To interpret the significance and impact of forms of religious and spiritual expression. Compare the different ways in which people of faith communities express their faith.
Critical Thinking	To talk about, what they find interesting or puzzling and what is of value and concern to themselves. To ask thought-provoking questions.	To talk about, what they find interesting or puzzling and what is of value and concern to themselves and others. Respond sensitively to the values and concerns of others. To ask thought-provoking questions in response to religious material and with regards their own beliefs and experiences. To begin to understand that some questions about life are difficult to answer.	To express views confidently and compare to others' ideas about questions that are difficult to answer. To ask significant questions in response to religious material and understand that these questions may cause people to wonder. To compare aspects of their own experiences and others and identify who influences their lives.	To express views confidently in response to religious material studied and provide simple reasons to support these views. To ask thought-provoking questions in response to religious material and understand that these questions may not always have a clear answer. Begin to suggest their own answers and opinions raised by the study of religions and beliefs.	To express views confidently in response to religious material studied and provide plausible and sustained reasons to support these views, using relevant sources of evidence. To suggest lines of enquiry raised by their studies. To make informed responses to questions of identity and experience, meaning and purpose and people's values and commitments in the light of their learning	To express own views to fundamental questions using sound reasons in response to religious material studied. To show a sound understanding of differing views and can give reasons to support an opposing view (i.e. they can see both sides of an argument).
Personal Reflection	To reflect on their own feelings, ideas and values. To identify aspects of own experience and feelings in religious material studied.	To reflect on their own feelings, ideas and values in relation to religious material studied.	To reflect on their own feelings, ideas and values and are aware of the experiences and feelings of others in relation to religious material studied.	To reflect on their own feelings, ideas and values and appreciate that not all people think, feel and believe the same in relation to religious material studied.	To reflect on what influences them, making links between aspects of their own and others' experiences in relation to religious material studied.	To reflect on their own beliefs, ideas, feelings and values and develop empathy for people with differing beliefs and experiences in relation to religious material studied.