

St Andrew's C of E Infant School

Progression in Religious Education

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
ELG: Children at the expected level of development will: Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts, and maps. Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.		
 EYFS 1 - I am Special Progression of Knowledge Know that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by God. Christians believe that each one of us is unique, special and loved Christians refer to God as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Christians believe that Jesus is God's son. Muslims have 99 different names for God. Progression of Skills	 Unit 1.1 – Harvest Progression of Knowledge Christians believe that it is important to say thank you to God for Harvest Jewish people also celebrate harvest and this is called Sukkot We believe that helping others is part of putting our Christian faith in action There are Christian charities working worldwide to improve the lives of people living in countries where the harvest has failed. Progression of Skills 	 Unit 2.1 – The Bible Progression of Knowledge The Bible is the Christian holy book. The Bible is made up of a library of books. The Bible is in two sections the Old Testament and the New Testament. Owning a Bible is very important to Christians. The Bible contains God's big story from the beginning through to the kingdom of God. People of world faiths have different holy books and there are some similarities and differences between these books and the Bible.



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- Talk about themselves, their likes, dislikes and what makes them special.
- Talk about feelings they have experienced.
- Talk about the names Christians give to God.
- Talk about Muslim prayer beads and how they are used.

EYFS 2 - Harvest

Progression of Knowledge

- Know that Christians believe God created the world
- Know the Christians believe that we should say thank you to God at Harvest time.
- Know that Christians celebrate the Harvest Festival with a special service in church.

Progression of Skills

- Be able to talk about the food they enjoy.
- Be able to talk about harvest around the world.
- Be able to talk about why we celebrate harvest.
- Be able to talk about why it is important to help others, particularly at harvest time.

EYFS S Unit - Diwali

Progression of knowledge

- Identify artefacts associated with the festival of Diwali.
- Talk using appropriate religious vocab about Diwali celebrations.
- Suggest meanings for the actions and symbols of Diwali.

- Be able to talk, using religious language, about Harvest Festival Celebrations
- Express feelings about the issues raised by Christian Aid/Tear Fund materials etc.
- Ask questions about their own and others' experiences
- Talk, using religious language, about the ways in which the lewish festival of Sukkot is celebrated

Unit 1.2 - Creation

Progression of Knowledge

- Christians, Muslims and Hindus believe that God created the world.
- The creation stories are at the very beginning of the Bible and be able to recall details briefly.
- Christians, Muslims and Hindus believe that people should be taking care of our world.
- Christians, Muslims and Hindus believe that in creation we can see the power and wonder of God.

Progression of Skills

- Talk about what they find amazing, interesting or puzzling in creation
- Understand that they are creative beings and enjoy their creative skills

Unit 1.3 - Christmas Progression of Knowledge

- The Torah is the most important Holy Scripture for Muslims.
- The Qur'an is the most important holy scripture for Muslims.

Progression of Skills

- Talk about the Bible and why is it Holy
- Talk about why the clergy think the Bible is Holy
- Talk about why owning a Bible is very important to Christians worldwide
- Make links between the books of the Bible and God's big story
- Reflect on the story of Mary Jones and consider ways in which they can make a difference
- Name and talk about holy books from world faiths they have investigated.

Unit 2.2 – Christmas

Progression of Knowledge

- Christmas is a celebration of the good news.
- angels are the Good news bringers.
- we (Christians) believe that the good news is that Jesus is the saviour of the world.
- Christians believe that the content of the Christmas story is good news.
- the good news impacts on the world then and now.

Progression of Skills

• Retell the Christmas story, including the story of Zechariah.



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Progression of skills

- Talk about the Hindu Diwali festival celebrations.
- Identify diya lamps.

EYFS 4 - Christmas

Progression of Knowledge

- Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday.
- Jesus was a very special baby. Christians believe he was the Son of God.
- The church celebrates Christmas in special ways.

Progression of Skills

- Be able to recall/retel the nativity story.
- Be able to identify the characters in the nativity story.
- Be able to use religious words to talk about Christmas.
- Be able to talk about why Christmas is important.
- Be able to talk about how the church celebrates Christmas.
- Be abe to talk about their own experiences of Christmas.
- Be able to talk about feelings related to celebrating Christmas and birthdays.

EYFS 6 – Stories Jesus Told Progression of Knowledge

- Jesus told stories and they are found in the Bible.
- Jesus told the stories to teach people about God.

- Christians believe that Jesus is God's gift to the world.
- The Wise Men (Magi) visited Mary, Joseph and Jesus after Christmas.
- Christian believe that the gift of Jesus shows God's love and care for the world.
- Christians believe Jesus is God's son the promised Messiah.

Progression of Skills

- Talk about the feelings associated with giving and receiving gifts
- Retell the nativity story in two parts a) the shepherds and b) the wise men.
- Talk about giving gifts that are not objects.

Unit 1.4 - Jesus

Progression of Knowledge

- The stories of Jesus miracles can be found in the Gospels in the New Testament.
- We (Christians) believe that the miracles reveal lesus as the Son of God.

Progression of Skills

- Talk about their own feelings and experiences
- Ask and respond sensitively to questions about their own and others feelings and experiences
- To retell stories of Jesus covered in the unit
- Make the connections between the Bible stories and Christians beliefs about Jesus

- Talk about their own feelings and experiences of good news.
- Ask and respond sensitively to questions about the experiences of Mary and the shepherds.

Unit 2.3 – Jesus

Progression of Knowledge

- The stories covered in this unit can be found in the gospels in the New Testament.
- Christians believe that Jesus miracles reveal him to be the Son of God.
- Christians believe that we should welcome everyone and try to be a friend of all as Jesus was.

Progression of Skills

- Talk about their own feelings and experiences
- Retell the stories covered in their unit
- Make the connection between the Bible stories and Christian belief
- Talk about the work of Christian charities and make the connection to Jesus teaching and actions.

Unit 2.4 – Easter

Progression of Knowledge

- There are different objects and symbols used to help explain and understand the meaning of Easter.
- The Easter story is central to Christian belief.
- The death and resurrection of Jesus is part of God's salvation plan.

Progression of Skills

'God is my strength, in whom I trust.' Psalm 18



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Progression of Skills

- Be able to identify a Bible
- Be able to recall/retell some of Jesus stories.
- Be able to talk about their own experiences and feelings.
- Ask and respond to questions about their experiences and feelings
- Give a simple explanation of the things we can learn from Jesus' stories.

EYFS 10 - Prayer

Progression of knowledge

- Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer.
- Prayer is a form of communication with God.
- Prayer is expressed in a variety of ways.
- People pray for many different reasons.

Progression of skills

- Talk about the different ways people pray.
- Talk about their own experiences of prayer.
- Talk about people of faith using prayer beads.
- Identify different objects that can be associated with prayer

EYFS 7 - Easter

Progression of Knowledge

- Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday.
- Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday
- Christians believe that Jesus rose on Easter Day and is alive today.
- Easter is the most important time of the year for the Church.

Unit 1.5 – Easter New Life

Progression of Knowledge

- The events of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day are at the core of Christian beliefs.
- Christians believe that Easter is a new beginning.
- Christians believe that Jesus died and rose back to life again.

Progression of Skills

- Recall events of the Easter story
- Reflect on the awe and wonder of new life and changes in nature
- Talk about their own experiences of Easter and springtime
- Retell the events of the Easter story

Unit 1.7 - Baptism

Progression of Knowledge

- Baptism is an occasion when promises are made to God and people are welcomed as a member of the church.
- Water is a symbol of baptism.
- People can be baptised at any age, in the font at church, in a pool, a river or the sea.
- Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan by John the baptist.
- People of world faiths welcome new babies in special ways.
- The words of the call to prayer are whispered in the ear of new born Muslim babies.

- Identify and name some of the symbols and Easter
- Retell the Easter story
- Talk about their own experiences of Easter celebrations
- Use religious vocabulary to simply describe what the symbols of Easter mean.
- Describe briefly why Christian people celebrate Easter
- Explain what they think to be the most important thing about Easter

Unit 2.5 – The Church

Progression of Knowledge

- the Hindu word for worship is puja
- The church is a special place where Christians meet to worship and pray. It is also the body of people not just the building.
- For Christians, the church is a holy blessed space.
- Moses and the people of God built the Tabernacle (tent of meeting) to house the ark of the covenant.
- people of Jewish faith meet together for worship in a synagogue.
- the Ark is the most holy place in the synagogue. It contains the Sefer Torah and is the focal point of prayer.
- people of Muslim faith meet to pray in a mosque
- mosques are often decorated with beautiful patterns and Arabic calligraphy.
- people of Hindu faith meet to worship in a mandir/temple
- most Hindus will have a shrine in their home.

Progression of Skills



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- Be able to tell you that Christians believe Jesus died for us because God loves everyone.
- Be able to briefly retell the story of Easter.
- Identify symbols associated with Easter
- Talk about their own experiences of love and other emotions expressed in the Easter Story.
- Ask questions about the Easter Story.

EYFS 9 - Special Places

Progression of Knowledge

- Christians worship in a church.
- Muslims worship in a mosque.
- Hindus worship in a temple/mandir.
- People consider places to be special for different reasons.
- Some people of faith take off their shoes before entering a place of worship.

Progression of Skills

- Be able to talk about their special places
- Be able to talk about places of worship as special/holy places.
- Be able to talk about taking off your shoes in a special/holy place.

EYFS 11 – Special Times Progression of Knowledge

- Christians celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- People of faith have special times of celebration.

• Giving babies a meaningful name is important to people of faith.

Progression of Skills

- Talk about what belonging means to them
- Use religious vocabulary such as vicar, priest, font, baptism church and prayer
- Tell you about what happens when a baby is baptised
- Talk about the ways in which people of world faiths welcome new babies.
- Talk about why there are dates and honey in your chatterbox.
- Talk about why sometimes hair is shaved from the new-born's head.

Unit - How do people of world faiths welcome new babies?

Unit 1.9 – My World Jesus World Progression of Knowledge

- Jesus lived a long time ago (over 2000 years) and the world we live in is very different to Jesus' world.
- Jesus was Jewish not Christian.
- Jesus attended the Synagogue.
- Some of Jesus' life experiences were just like ours. Therefore, Christians believe Jesus the Son of God knows exactly what life is like for us.
- Jesus celebrated Jewish festivals e.g., Passover.

 Ask good questions that reveal understanding about the church and what happens there

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Special times create memories.	Progression of Skills	
Celebrating special festival and occasions is important.	 Talk about their own life and experiences talk confidently about the Jewish features of Jesus' life. 	
Progression of Skills Talk about special times. Talk about the festivals they have explored. Recall/retell the story of Pentecost. Talk about feelings associated with special times, festivals and celebrations. Ask questions about special/holy times.	 talk about what they find puzzling or interesting Talk about the similarities and difference between our world and Jesus' world using Bible stories to illustrate. Recognise that some foods have special symbolic meaning in religious practice. 	
	Unit S13	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Key Vocabulary	Key Vocabulary	Key Vocabulary
These are examples of incidental language that		
they may be exposed to in EYFS	11.11.4.4	U ': 24
I am Special	Unit 1.1	Unit 2.1
God, love, father and unique	Harvest, Harvest Festival, Judaism, Sukkot, Sukkah , Celebration , Past, Present	Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, Holy, Gospel, Word of God, Mary Jones, Dead Sea Scrolls
Harvest		
God, food, creation, harvest, thank you and prayer.	Unit 1.2	Unit 2.2
	God, Creation, Genesis, Pollution, World, Environment,	Good news, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Jesus, Mary, Angel Gabriel,
Diwali	Old testament, New testament	Joseph, shepherds and Bethlehem.
Diwali, light, festival, diya lamp		
	Unit 1.3 Gift, Wise Men, Magi, Jesus, Promise, Christmas, Give, Receive, Christian	Unit 2.3 Miracle, New Testament, Gospels, faith and trust Zechariah Mary, Shepherds
Christmas		
Christmas, Jesus, Bethlehem, Mary, Joseph, donkey,	Unit 1.4	Unit 2.4
inn, shepherds, star and stable	Jesus, Son of God, Friendship, Miracle, Disciple, New testament, Old testament	Cross, crucifix, Paschal candle, resurrection, Last Supper, Eucharist, symbol, Light of the World, sacrifice and celebration.

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Stories Jesus Told		
Jesus, Bible, parable, gospels and God	Unit 1.5	Unit 2.5
	Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Jesus, new life, Holy Week,	Church, Vicar, Minister, pews, font, altar, stained glass, worship,
Prayer	disciples, Mary, resurrection, garden and tomb.	holy, sacred, Mosque, minaret tower, Temple, ark, Gurdwara,
Pray, Prayer, God, Jesus, The Lord's Prayer		and langar.
	Unit 1.7	
Easter	Baptism, font, Christening, Vicar/Minister, Priest,	Unit 2.6
love, sacrifice, Jesus, Easter, disciples, Holy Week, Palm	Godparents, water and belonging.	Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Spirit, disciples, power, heaven and
Sunday, crucified, cross, tomb and risen		Trinity.
	Unit 1.9	
Special Places	Jesus, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Transport, Food, Judaism,	
Church, Jesus, Mosque, holy and Temple.	Celebrations, Same Different	
Special Times		
Anniversary, christening, baptism, wedding, celebration,		
funeral, Holy Spirit, birthday and prayer		



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