

Medium Term Plan Religious Education

Y3/4 Cycle A

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Big Concepts						
Theme	Rules & Responsibilities	Christmas (The Shepherds and the Angels)	Sikhism	Easter (Lent)	Care and Concern	Special People (Abraham and Moses)
Big Question	How do rules help us to live a better life?	Why did the angels tell the shepherds about Jesus' birth?	Is there only one God?	How do Christians prepare for Easter?	In what ways do Christians show care and concern?	Why is obedience to God important?
Content	What am I responsible for? Who is responsible for me? Rules - Why do we have them? - What are they? - What happens if we break them? Religious rules - How are they different from secular rules? - What are they? - Who follows them? The story of the 10 commandments. The Good Samaritan The five pillars of Islam - Light touch	The Christmas Story The shepherds - Who were they? - What was their life like? - Why were they in the fields at night? Angels - Who are they? etc Why was the message given to the shepherds?	What is Sikhism? Where did it begin and by whom? Signs and symbols God - there is one creator, He is the creator of all things All humans are equal before God. Story of Guru Nanak - linked to leadership qualities. The Ten Gurus Guru Gobind Singh: The Lesson of Seva Gurpurbs: celebration birthdays of Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh Guru Granth Sahib The Gurdwara - equality - how people treat each other, share, sit, eat and worship together and welcome people of all religions The Five K's	The Easter Story The temptation of Jesus What is Lent What do Christians do & Why? Shrove Tuesday Ash Wednesday What is Mardi Gras? What is its connection with Lent? Exodus - Parting of the Red Sea - Israelites	Who cares for us? How? Who do we care for? Consider circles of care - families, friends, wider community, strangers. Jesus cares for individuals - Zaccheus & groups - the feeding of the 5000. People who devote their lives to care and concern, especially religious people (e.g. clergy; evangelist; mission workers e.g. Mother Teresa; Bob Geldof; Wilberforce; Florence Nightingale; Dr Barnado.	Trust-Obedience-Belief Consider the lives of Abraham & Moses (possibly extend to Noah, Jonah) Who was he? When did he live? What did he do? Why is he important for Jews, Muslims and Christians? What were his beliefs about God? Who were his children? Why did he follow God and what were the consequences? Revisit: People from Care & Concern unit - considering their trust, obedience & belief, where applicable.
Stories (including bible references) 'Making Sense of Life's Experiences'	See Bible References	See Bible References	The Story of Guru Nanak Guru Gobind Singh: The Lesson of Seva Dear Takuya: Letters of a Sikh Boy	See Bible References	See Bible References	See Bible References
Celebrations/	Harvest	Christmas	Guru Nanak Gurpurab Bandi Chhor Divas	Easter (Mardi Gras)	Holy Trinity Service	



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Festivals 'Words and Beyond'						
Theme/Concepts from Wirral Syllabus 'Big Ideas'	Personal relationships and responsibilities to others. The Greatest Commandments. Love God with all your heart, soul and mind and strength.	Key events in the life of Jesus and the history of the church and how they are celebrated. Use of song.	The five K's: Kesh – uncut hair; Kangha – comb; Kara – steel bangle; Kaccha – shorts; and Kirpan – sword.	God loves and forgives. Jesus is God's son – he suffered, died and rose from death – is still alive and special to Christians.	Followers of Christ from the early church to today who: have set an example, serve others	Evidence of God. Ways of understanding God are revealed and confirmed through the Bible, the teaching of the Church, human experience.
Vocabulary	Harvest, Harvest Festival, Produce, Christian Aid, belonging, rewards, consequences, Ten Commandments, empathy, experience, respect, conflict, cruelty, exploitation, neglect, rights, protection, care, adequate	angel, manger, animals, journey, gifts, taxes, donkey, camel, star, stable, Galilee, Bethlehem, gold, frankincense, myrrh,	Gurpurab, Punjab, Kesh, rumala, Vaisakhi, Amritsar, Khanga, Nishan Sahib, gurdwara, Kara, ragi, guru, sewa, Kachera, langar, Punjabi, kirtan, Kirpan, chauri	Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, give up, church, Easter, service, Jesus, 40 days, desert, hymn.	Wealth, sycamore fig tree, Jericho, salvation, Jesus, Zaccheus, greedy, crowd, delighted, 5 loaves and 2 fish, Andrew, Peter, Philip.	Moses, Hebrews, slaves, Egypt, pharaohs, soldiers, basket, River Nile, God, palace, royal, prince, Egyptian, Midian, shepherd, desert, burning bush, slavery, Promised Land, plague, army, Red Sea, Canaan, Mount Sinai.