



Durham Gilesgate Primary Curriculum Map for RE

Our curriculum map is based on teaching three Christianity enquiries per year, including Christmas and Easter.

In KS1, pupils learn about Christianity and Buddhism. In KS2, children learn about Christianity, Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism) and Judaism plus a small special study of Islam. The RE curriculum also includes the study of other religious worldviews and non-religious worldviews as appropriate to our specific community at Durham Gilesgate Primary (Islam and Humanism). These will be taught through thematic units (the study of one topic across several traditions), through units on religious diversity and through systematic units of work.

This plan is in parts bespoke to Durham Gilesgate Primary to reflect our school and our local community.

Age Group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Ages 3-4	What makes people special to me and others? Christianity and Judaism	What is Christmas to me and others? Christianity concept: Incarnation	How do I and other people celebrate? Sanatana Dharma,	What is Easter to me and others? Christianity concept: Salvation	What can I and other people learn from stories? Christianity, Islam, Sanatana Dharma, Sikhi	What makes places special to me and others? Christianity, Islam, Judaism
Ages 4-5	What makes people special? Christianity and Judaism	What is Christmas? Christianity concept: Incarnation	How do people celebrate? Sanatana Dharma,	What is Easter? Christianity concept: Salvation	What can we learn from stories? Christianity, Islam, Sanatana Dharma, Sikhi	What makes places special? Christianity, Islam, Judaism
Ages 5-6	5-6 Christianity Autumn 1 What do Christians believe about God?	5-6 Christianity Autumn 2 What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?	5-7 Buddhism Enquiry 1 Why is the story of the Buddha important to some Buddhists?	5-6 Christianity Spring 2 Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?	5-7 Buddhism Enquiry 2 What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? Right Speech.	6-7 Christianity Autumn 1 Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?
LA Syllabus Question Bank (5-6)	What do Christians believe about God?	Why are gifts given at Christmas?	What can we find out about Buddha? Why did Buddha leave home?	What is the Easter story?	How is Buddha special to Buddhists? How do Buddhists express their beliefs	Why is the Bible special to Christians?
Ages 6-7	What can we learn from the story of St Cuthbert?	6-7 Christianity Autumn 2 Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?	5-7 Buddhism Enquiry 3 What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? Right action	6-7 Christianity Spring 2 How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?	What can we learn about our local faith communities? Islam, 5-7 Islam Enquiry 1 Who is God to Muslims?	What can we learn about our local faith communities? Humanism 5-7 Humanism Enquiry 1 What do Humanists believe?
LA Syllabus Question Bank (6-7)	Christianity (Durham LAS) What can we learn from the story of St Cuthbert?	Why is Jesus special to Christians?	How do Buddhists worship? How do Buddhists express their beliefs in practice?	How do Christians celebrate Easter?	Diversity (Durham LA Syllabus) What can we learn about our local faith communities?	

Ages 7-8	Bespoke two-week introduction 'Who is God to Sanntanis?' 7-9 Sanatana Dharma Enquiry 2 What do some deities tell Sanatanis about God?	7-8 Christianity Autumn 2 Has Christmas lost its true meaning?	7-8 Christianity Spring 1 Could Jesus heal people? Did He perform miracles or was there some other explanation?	7-8 Christianity Spring 2 What is 'good' about Good Friday?	7-9 Sanatana Dharma Enquiry 1 Does visiting the Ganges make a person a better Sanatani?	7-9 Sanatana Dharma Enquiry 3 What is the best way for a Sanatani to lead a good life?
LA Syllabus Question Bank (7-8)	What do Hindus believe?	Why is Christmas celebrated?	What do Christians believe about Jesus?	Why is Easter celebrated?	What do Hindus believe? Why do people travel to sacred places?	How do Hindus worship at home?
Ages 8-9	Bespoke two-week introduction 'Who is God to the Jews?' 7-9 Judaism Enquiry 1 What is the best way for a Jew to lead a good life?	7-8 Christianity Autumn 2 What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?	Bespoke enquiry 'How and why do people show care for others?' Islam, Humanism	7-8 Christianity Spring 2 Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?	Bespoke enquiry 'Why do people visit Durham Cathedral today?'	What can we find out about a local Muslim community? 7-9 Islam Enquiry 1 Does praying at regular intervals help Muslims in their everyday lives?
LA Syllabus Question Bank (8-9)	How do Jewish people express their beliefs through practices?	Why is Christmas celebrated?	Thematic (Durham LAS) How and why do people show care for others?	Why is Easter celebrated?	Christianity (Durham LAS)	Islam Special Study (Durham LAS)

Ages 9-10	9-12 Judaism Enquiry 2 What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?	9-10 Christianity Autumn 2 Is the Christmas story true?	Bespoke enquiry 'Why do people travel to sacred places?'	9-10 Christianity Spring 2 How significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die?	9-12 Sanatana Dharma Enquiry 1 What is the best way for a Sanatani to show commitment to God?	9-10 Christianity Summer 2 What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?
LA Syllabus Question Bank (9-10)	How do Jewish people express their beliefs through practices?	Why is Christmas celebrated?	Thematic: Durham LAS p51 Why do people travel to sacred places?	Why is Easter celebrated?	How do Hindus worship at home?	What do Christians believe about God? What do Christians believe about Jesus?
Ages 10-11	Bespoke enquiry 'What can we learn about religious diversity in our area?' Islam Humanism	10-11 Christianity Autumn 2 Alt Do Christian celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?	Bespoke enquiry 'How and why do people care about the environment?'	9-12 Sanatana Dharma Enquiry 2 How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	What do we now know about Christianity? (Exploration through the concepts) Statutory Bridging Unit delivered using Jigsaw RE	
LA Syllabus Question Bank (10-11)	Diversity (Durham LAS) What can we learn about religious diversity in our area?	Why is Christmas celebrated?	Thematic (Durham LAS) How and why do people care about the environment?	What do Hindus believe?	Christianity (Durham LAS)	

