

Derbyshire.

Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education
2025-2030



Suggested vocabulary list

EYFS (FS2 – Discovering)

General Language:

- Religion
- Special books
- Special places
- Special stories
- Prayer

Christianity:

- Christmas
- Bible
- Church
- Jesus

Judaism:

- Moses
- Passover
- Torah
- Synagogue

Islam:

- Allah
- Prophet Muhammad
- Qur'an
- Mosque

Key Stage 1 (Exploring)

General Language:

- Religion
- Celebration
- Festival
- Symbol
- Thankful
- Faith
- Belief
- Wise sayings
- Rules for living
- Cooperation
- Belonging
- Worship
- Holiness
- Sacred
- Creation story

Non-religious Worldviews:

- Non-religious
- Humanist
- Golden Rule

Christianity:

- Christian
- God
- Creator
- Christmas
- Easter
- Jesus
- Church
- Altar
- Font
- Bible
- Gospel

Islam:

- Muslim
- Islam
- Allah
- Prophet
- Mosque
- Eid
- Qur'an
- Moon and star
- Ramadan
- Tawhid

Judaism:

- Jewish
- Synagogue
- Torah
- Bimah
- Chanukah/Hanukkah
- Ark
- Judaism
- Shabbat
- Mezuzah
- Tenakh

Sikhi:

- Sikhi
- Guru
- Gurdwara
- Langar
- Guru Granth Sahib
- Waheguru
- The 5 Ks
- Vaisakhi
- Harimandir Sahib
- Nam Japna
- Vand Chakna
- Sewa

Hindu Dharma:

- Hindu
- Mandir
- Murtis
- Gods
- Goddesses
- Diwali
- Aum
- Trimurti
- Dharma
- Ramayana

Buddhism:

- Buddha
- Dharma
- Sangha
- Karma
- Arhat
- Enlightenment
- Four Noble Truths
- Noble Eightfold Path
- Nirvana
- Meditation

Lower Key Stage 2 (Connecting)

General Language:

- Religion
- Spiritual
- Commitment
- Values
- Prayer
- Pilgrim
- Pilgrimage
- Ritual
- Symbol
- Community
- Worship
- Devotion
- Belief
- Life after death
- Destiny
- Soul
- Inspiration
- Role-model

Christianity:

- Christian
- Christmas
- Easter
- Pentecost
- Harvest Festival
- Messiah
- Liturgy
- Church
- Gospel
- Jesus
- Holy Spirit
- God the Creator
- Trinity
- Heaven

Non-religious Worldviews:

- Humanist
- Golden Rule
- Non-religious
- Spiritual but not religious
- Atheist

Judaism:

- Jewish
- Judaism
- Moses
- Exodus
- Lawgiver
- Ten Commandments
- Star of David
- Passover/Pesach
- Shabbat
- Shema
- Torah

Hindu Dharma:

- Hindu
- Ahimsa
- Karma
- Dharma
- Murtis
- Brahman
- Mandir
- Gods
- Goddesses
- Shrines
- Mahatma

Islam:

- Muslim
- Islam
- Allah
- Prophet
- Mosque
- Qur'an
- Surah
- Moon and star
- Paradise

Upper Key Stage 2 (Connecting)

General Language:

- Religion
- Harmony
- Respect
- Justice
- Faith
- Interfaith
- Tolerance
- Moral values
- Religious plurality
- Moral codes
- Holiness
- Spiritual
- Inspiration
- Vision
- Symbol
- Community
- Commitment
- Values
- Sources of wisdom
- Golden Rule
- Charity
- Place of worship
- Sacred text
- Devotion
- Prayer
- Worship

- Compassion
- Prejudice
- Persecution

Christianity:

- Christian
- Jesus
- Bible
- Gospel
- Letters of Saint Paul
- Trinity
- Incarnation
- Holy Spirit
- Resurrection
- Christmas
- Easter
- Pentecost
- Eucharist
- Agape

Judaism:

- Judaism
- Jewish
- Synagogue
- Schul
- Jerusalem
- Western Wall
- Orthodox
- Reform
- Tu B'Shevat
- Tzedakah
- Tikkun olam

Non-religious Worldviews:

- Atheist
- Agnostic
- Humanist
- Rationalist
- Golden Rule
- 'Spiritual but not religious'

Islam:

- Muslim
- Allah
- Prophethood
- Ummah
- Five Pillars
- Prophet Muhammad
- Iman (faith)
- Akhlaq (character/moral conduct)
- Qur'an
- Hadith
- Mosque
- Hajj

Key Stage 3 (Applying/interpreting)

General Language:

- Beliefs
- Teachings
- Sources of authority
- Religious expression
- Ways of living
- Religious identity
- Diversity and controversy
- Psychology
- Sociology and philosophy of religion
- Ethics
- Community cohesion
- Religious conservatism, liberalism, radicalism

Islam:

- Last Prophet
- Revelation
- Shahadah
- Sawm
- Zakat
- Ramadan
- Hajj
- Submission to Allah
- Sunni
- Shi'a
- Sufi
- 99 Beautiful Names
- Tawhid
- Shirk

Christianity:

- Biblical authority and inspiration
- Intelligent design
- Theology
- Christian ethics
- 'Just war'
- Sanctity of life
- 'Green Christianity'

Non-religious Worldviews:

- Varieties of atheism
- 'New atheists'
- Scepticism
- Ethical autonomy
- Situation ethics
- Secular

Source:

- Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus for RE 2025–2030, Section E7, p.126–128, and Section C.