## **RE Year Planner** Year 1 2024/25

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic or Stand- Alone?	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Judaism	Judaism
Enquiry Questions:	1.2 Who do Christians say made the world?	1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Incarnation)	1.9  How should we care for other and the world and why does it matter?	1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians? ( Salvation)	1.7 Who is Jewish and how do they live? ( Double unit)	1.7 Who is Jewish and how do they live? ( Double unit)
Core elements:  Making sense Understanding impact Making connections	Making sense Retell the story of creation from Genesis 1:1–2:3 simply • Recognise that 'Creation' is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible • Say what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world Understanding impact Give at least one example of what Christians do to say 'thank you' to God for Creation	Making sense Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels • Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians. Understanding impact Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the Nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas Making connections Think, talk and ask questions about Christmas for people who are Christians and for people who are not •	Making sense Identify a story or text that says something about each person being unique and valuable • Give an example of a key belief some people find in one of these stories (e.g. that God loves all people) • Give a clear, simple account of what Genesis 1 tells Christians and Jews about the natural world Understanding impact • Give an example of how people show that they care for others (e.g. by giving to charity), making a link to one of the stories • Give examples of how Christians and Jews can show care for the natural	Making sense • Recognise that Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible • Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people) Understanding impact - Give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter. Making connections - • Think, talk and ask questions about whether the story of Easter	Making sense - Recognise the words of the Shema as a Jewish prayer • Retell simply some stories used in Jewish celebrations (e.g. Chanukah) • Give examples of how the stories used in celebrations (e.g. Shabbat, Chanukah) remind Jews about what God is like. Understanding impact - Give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times (e.g. Shabbat, Sukkot, Chanukah) • Make links between Jewish ideas of God found in the stories and how people live • Give an example of how some Jewish people might	Making sense - Recognise the words of the Shema as a Jewish prayer • Retell simply some stories used in Jewish celebrations (e.g. Chanukah) • Give examples of how the stories used in celebrations (e.g. Shabbat, Chanukah) remind Jews about what God is like. Understanding impact - Give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times (e.g. Shabbat, Sukkot, Chanukah) • Make links between Jewish ideas of God found in the stories and how people live • Give an example of how some Jewish people might

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## Sequence of lessons

Key Question: Who do Christians say made the world?

Introduce this unit by spending some time with pupils experiencing nature. Ask pupils how they describe what they see and how they feel.

Lesson 1 –

Key Question: Why does Christmas matter to Christians? [Incarnation]

Introduce this unit by looking for signs that Christmas is coming – signs of winter, decorations, adverts Lesson 1

. Ask pupils why they think Christmas is

Key Question: How should we care for others and the world and why does it

matter? Lesson 1 –

• Introduce the idea that each person is unique and important; use teachings to explain why Christians and Jews believe that God values everyone.

Key Question: Why does Easter matter to Christians? [Salvation]

Lesson 1
Introduce it by looking around for examples of the new life that comes in the spring.
The story for Christians leads to the idea of new life.

## **Key Question:**

Who is Jewish and how do they live? [God/Torah/the People] [double unit]

Lesson 1

As a way in, discuss what precious items pupils have in their home. Why are they important? Talk about remembering what really matters, what ideas they have for making sure they do not forget things or people, and how people make a special time to remember important events.

• Find out what special objects Jewish people might have in their home (e.g. 'Through the

Explore the idea that created things have creators: look at some objects and see what pupils think their creators would be like (kind, clever, friendly, etc.). Look at objects in the natural world: suppose these objects have a creator, what do pupils think that this creator would be like? Introduce idea that many people (e.a. Jews, Christians and Muslims) believe that there is a Creator of the world, God. Answer the key auestion: Who do Christians say made the world

Lesson 2 –
Talk about: if
Christians believe
God made the world,
what should they do?
Perhaps thank God.
Look at some 'thank
you' prayers
Christians might
say about the world;
or some praise
prayers about the
Creator.

important for Christians.

• Tell some familiar stories about a character who appears to be someone he/she is not (e.g. Beauty and the Beast). Look at a picture of baby Jesus from Christian tradition. What can pupils tell about him from the picture? Most Christians believe he was very special – not an ordinary baby but God on Earth! Note that the word 'incarnation' means 'God in the flesh'. Christmas celebrates the Incarnation. Lesson 2 -

Tell the story of the Nativity. You could use a Christmas story trail.
Set up some stations: Gabriel visits Mary; journey to Bethlehem; Jesus born and placed in manger; angels appear to shepherds; shepherds visit Mary. Pupils hear the story at each station then

Use the Golden Rule to illustrate a non-religious view of the value of all people. Talk about the benefits and responsibilities of friendship and the ways in which people care for others. Talk about characters in books exploring friendship, such as the Rainbow Fish. Explore stories from the Christian Bible about friendship and care for others. Lesson 3 Read stories about how some people or aroups have been inspired to care for people because of their religious or ethical beliefs e.g. Mother Teresa, Doctor Barnardo, Sister Frances Dominica. Lesson 4 Look carefully at some texts from different reliaious scriptures about the 'Golden Rule'. Make cartoons to show their ideas.

Recall earlier teaching about Genesis 1: retell the story, remind each

Lesson 5

• Introduce the story of Holy Week.

Set up an Easter labyrinth or outdoor trail for pupils, including 1) The entry into Jerusalem 2) Jesus' betrayal and arrest at the Mount of Olives 3) Jesus dies on the cross

- 4) The empty tomb e.g. Luke
- 5) Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the disciples. Talk about the emotions of Jesus's followers during the week. Lesson 2 –

Connect the idea of

eggs, new life and the belief in Jesus' resurrection. Look at decorated Easter eggs – make some model eggs and decorate with scenes from Easter Sunday.
Lesson 3 –

Find out about how churches celebrate different parts of Holy Week, e.g. Palm Sunday crosses; Good Friday, keyhole' activity) Gather pupils' questions about the objects. As they go through the unit, pupils will come across most of these objects. Whenever they encounter an object in the unit,

Whenever they encounter an object in the unit, ensure that pupils have adequate time to focus on it closely and refer back to pupils' questions and help the class to answer them where possible. – Add Vocabulary to LW.

Lesson 2

Introduce Jewish beliefs about God as expressed in the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4–9) i.e. God is one, that it is important to love God.

Use this as the background to exploring mezuzah, Shabbat and Jewish

festivals – how these all remind Jews about what God is like, as described in the Shema, and how festivals help Jewish people to remember him. Talk about the People of Israel as God's Chosen or Favoured People.

Lesson 3 –

Look at a mezuzah, how it is used and how it has the words of the Shema on a scroll inside. Lesson 4 –

Find out what many Jewish people do in the home on Shabbat (God rested on the seventh day).

Put together a 3D mind-map by collecting, connecting and labelling pictures of all of the parts of the Shabbat celebrations.

Lesson 5 –

Look at some stories from the Jewish Bible (Tenakh) which teach about God looking after his people.

• Use a variety of interactive ways of learning about the stories, meanings and what happens at festivals: e.g. Sukkot.

 Make links with go back to their other what it tells Easter Sunday. grace before meals: places and draw Jewish and Christian Connect these many Christians thank pictures/write believers about God practices with the God every time they sentences to retell and creation. events eat. the story. Talk about ways in in the story. Lesson 3 -Lesson 3 – which Jews and Lesson 5 Make links with Christians might treat Ask pupils why people Harvest, where Look at a selection of the world. find it helpful to believe that there is life in Christians traditionally Christmas cards: thank God for which ones have got heaven after death. Creation: connect a clear link to the Give pupils time to school harvest story in Luke? Ask reflect on the way the celebrations, pupils to explain the story changes from sadness to happiness, Ask pupils to links. write some 'thank Lesson 4 – or from darkness to you' comments and light. Give to give them to the Make connections them a chance to with the kinds of paint some dark marks appropriate people. Lesson 4 decorations people on a page, perhaps Ask pupils what put up for birthdays listening to some quiet questions they would with those put up by music, then to paint ask about living in an Christians for Jesus' some bright colours, amazing world. birthday. What with joyous music Recall the story from decorations accompanying. Genesis 1. would connect with the story in Luke? Which ones are not connected to the Bible, but to other secular (nonreligious) Christmas traditions? • People give gifts and they also say 'thank you' at Christmas. Ask pupils to create the 'thank you' prayers of all the characters in the Nativity story

Additional non-fiction reading						
Vocabulary:	Christians, creator, Jews, prayers, creation.	Incarnation, baby Jesus, nativity, decorations, Bible.	Gods values, Christian, Bible, Golden rules.	Resurrection, Holy week, Easter, salvation, mount of Olives, Jesus.	Jewish, Shema, mezuzah, scroll, sukkot, Shabbat, Sabbath.	
		in Luke. Think about all the people pupils would like to thank at Christmas time. Ask pupils to create some of their own 'thank you' statements and give them out.				

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