

Progression in language

This table shows how learning across the age groups develops and uses the language of religious study and of particular religions in increasing depth and complexity. The selected terminology is a brief minimum that features in the plans and can contribute to coherent progression.

	EYFS (Discovering)	Y1 & Y2 (Exploring)	Y3 & Y4 (Connecting)	Y5 & Y6 (Connecting)
The general language of religious study	Religion Special books Special places Special stories Prayer	Religion, celebration, festival, symbol, thankful, faith, belief, wise sayings, rules for living, co-operation, belonging, worship, holiness, sacred, creation story	Religion, spiritual, commitment, values, prayer, pilgrim, pilgrimage, ritual, symbol, community, worship, devotion, belief, life after death, destiny, soul, inspiration, role-model.	Religion, harmony, respect, justice, faith, inter- faith, tolerance, moral values, religious plurality, moral codes, holiness, spiritual, inspiration, vision, symbol, community, commitment, values, sources of wisdom, spiritual, Golden Rule, charity, place of worship, sacred text, devotion, prayer, worship, compassion, prejudice, persecution
Christianity	Christmas Bible Church Jesus	Christian, God, Creator, Christmas, Easter, Jesus, church, altar, font, Bible, gospel	Christian, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest Festival, Messiah, liturgy, church, Gospel, Jesus, Holy Spirit, God the Creator, Trinity, Heaven	Christian, Jesus, Bible, Gospel, Letters of Saint Paul, Trinity, Incarnation, Holy Spirit, resurrection, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Eucharist, agape
Judaism	Moses Passover Torah Synagogue	Jewish, synagogue, Torah, bimah, Chanukah/Hanukkah, Ark, Judaism, Shabbat, mezuzah, Tenakh	Jewish, Judaism, Moses, Exodus, Lawgiver, Ten Commandments, Star of David, Passover/Pesach, Shabbat, Shema, Torah	Judaism, Jewish, synagogue, schul, Jerusalem, WesternWall, Orthodox, Reform, TuB'Shevat, tzedakah, tikkun olam
Islam	Allah, Prophet Muhammad, Qur'an, Mosque	Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Eid, Qur'an, moon and star, Ramadan, tawhid.	Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Qur'an, surah, moon and star, paradise	Muslim, Allah, Prophethood, Ummah, 5 Pillars, Prophet Muhammad, Iman (faith), akhlaq (character or moral conduct) Qur'an, Hadith, Mosque, Hajj.
Hindu Dharma			Hindu, mandir, murtis, gods, goddesses, Diwali, Aum, Trimurti, dharma, Ramayana	Hindu, ahimsa, karma, dharma, murtis, Brahman, mandir, gods, goddesses, shrines, Mahatma
Sikhi	Schools choosing to go beyond the minimum number of religions for study in this syllabus: select age-appropriate key words for pupils to learn as they begin their studies of each religion.			
Buddhism				
Non-religious worldviews	Non-religious	Humanist, Golden Rule, non-religious	Humanist, Golden Rule, non-religious, spiritual but not religious, atheist	Atheist, agnostic, Humanist, rationalist, Golden Rule, 'spiritual but not religious'