



Madley Primary school



Progression in language, vocabulary and key ideas:
a summary of a select shortlist of keywords and core concepts.

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 might feature in the planning of RE and can contribute to coherent progression. The lists are cumulative – begin on the left and move right. The key question here is not ‘do the pupils know the words?’ but ‘Can the pupils use the language and ideas of religions and religious study to explain their understanding?’

	EYFS	Key stage one	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key stage 2
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.
Christianity	Christmas Easter Bible Church Jesus	Christian, God, Creator, Christmas, Easter, Jesus, church, altar, font, Bible, gospel, Holy Spirit, baptism, Christening	Christian, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest Festival, Messiah, liturgy, church, Gospel, Jesus, Holy Spirit God the Creator, Trinity, Heaven	Christian, Jesus, Bible, Creation and Fall, Gospel, Letters of Saint Paul, Trinity, Incarnation, Holy Spirit, resurrection, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Eucharist, agape, advent, disciple,
Judaism	Moses Passover Torah Synagogue Star of David	Jewish, synagogue, Torah, bimah, Hanukkah, Ark, Judaism, shabbat, Joseph.	Jewish, Judaism, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Exodus, Law-giver, Ten Commandments, Passover / Pesach, Day of Atonement.	Judaism, Jewish, Torah, Shabbat, Pesach, Hanukkah, Ten Commandments, persecution, prejudice, Beth Shalom, remembrance, patriarch, Jacob, Ruth, King David, King Solomon, Esther, Purim, Prophet, Isaiah, Daniel.
Islam	Allah, Prophet Muhammad, Qur'an, Mosque	Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Eid, Qur'an, moon and star.	Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Qur'an, moon and star, paradise.	Muslim, Allah, Prophethood, Ummah, 5 Pillars, Prophet Muhammad, Iman (faith), akhlaq (character or moral conduct) Qur'an, Hadith, Sunnah, Mosque, Hajj, al-fatihah, adhan,

Hindu Dharma	Hindu, mandir, diwali, Aum	Murtis, gods and goddesses, puja, home shrine, devotion. Ganesha	Hindu dharma, Sanatan Dharma, Rama, Sita, Hanuman, holi, Raksha bandhan	Ahimsa, karma, dharma, Brahman, mandir, trimurti, gods such as Brahma, Shiva, Vishnu, goddesses such as Durga, Ambaji, Shakti reincarnation, aarti, devotee,
Sikhi	Sikh, Guru Nanak, Gurdwara, Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhi, Langar, 10 Gurus, Vaisakhi,	The 5 Ks, the Khalsa, Kaur and Singh, Guru Govind Singh, Panj Piara	Waheguru, Harimandir Sahib, Amrit, Panj Kakke, Kirpan, Kacchera, Kanga, Kara, Kesh Khanda, Sangat, Karah Prasad.
Buddhism	Buddha, shrine, temple (vihara)	Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, Wesak, Siddhartha Gautama,	Meditation, Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, the Four Sights, Enlightenment	Meditation, Kathina, The Four Noble Truths, Boddhisatva
Non religious worldviews	Non-religious	Humanist, Golden Rule, non-religious, worldview.	Humanist, Golden Rule, non religious, spiritual but not religious, atheist, ethics	Atheist, agnostic, Humanist, rationalist, Golden Rule, 'spiritual but not religious', secular, rationalist.