

Durham Agreed Syllabus –Cotherstone Primary School

EYFS

	Autumn Term	How and why is Christmas celebrated by Christians?	Spring Term	How and why is Easter celebrated by Christians?	Summer Term
Reception	Let's find out about Harvest in a church. Let's find out about Shabbat.	Let's find out about the Christmas story. Let's find out about Christmas celebrations in churches.	Let's find out about holy books (e.g. the Qu'ran, the Torah, the Guru Granth Sahib). Let's hear some stories Jesus told (Lost Sheep, Lost Coin).	Let's find out about Easter celebrations in churches.	Let's find out about special buildings and worship there (e.g. mandir, church, synagogue, Buddhist rupas).

The two words/themes which form the basis of RE in EYFS are **belonging** and **special** (places, times, objects, books, people).

Whole school approach to Christmas/Easter

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KEY STAGE 1

	Autumn Term	Christmas Unit: What is the meaning of Christmas?	Spring Term	Easter Unit: What is the meaning of Easter?	Summer Term
Cycle A 2020-2021	What can we learn about Christianity from visiting a church? *What do Christians believe about God? *	Why are gifts given at Christmas?	Why is Jesus special to Christians?	What is the Easter story?	What can we find out about Buddha?
Cycle B 2021-2022	Why is the Bible special to Christians? What can we learn from the story of St Cuthbert?	How and why is light important at Christmas?	What does it mean to belong in Christianity?	How do Christians celebrate Easter?	How do Buddhists show their beliefs? *What can we learn about our local faith communities? *

Other core religions

Christianity

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Diversity unit

Thematic unit

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LOWER KEY STAGE 2

	Autumn Term	Christmas Unit What is the meaning of Christmas?	Spring Term	Easter Unit: What is the meaning of Easter?	Summer Term
Cycle A 2020-2021	*How do Hindus worship? *	How and why is Advent important to Christians?	*What can we learn about Christian worship and beliefs by visiting churches? *	What do Christians remember on Palm Sunday?	*What do Hindus believe? *
Cycle B 2021-2022	*What do we know about the Bible and why is it important to Christians? *	Why do Christians call Jesus the light of the world?	What do Christians believe about Jesus?	Why is Lent such an important period for Christians?	How and why do people show care for others? * Why do people visit Durham Cathedral today?*

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UPPER KEY STAGE 2

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Cycle A 2020-2021	*Why is Moses important to Jewish people? * *Why do Jewish people go to the synagogue? *	What are the themes of Christmas?	*What do Christians believe about God? *	Why is the Last Supper so important to Christians?	*How are Jewish beliefs expressed in the home? * Why do people use rituals today?
Cycle B 2021-2022	*What can we learn about religious diversity in our area? * *What can we find out about a local Muslim community? *	What do the gospels tell us about the birth of Jesus?	How and why do people care about the environment?	Why are Good Friday and Easter Day the most important days for Christians?	So, what do we now know about Christianity? (exploration through the concepts) Statutory Bridging Unit

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