Year Group		Term	Overarching topic	RE Focus	National Curriculum Link (Chris Quigley Essentials) Pupils should be taught about	RE Enquiry Question Or Statement	Links and Progression	Knowledge Categories	Key Vocabulary
M1 1/2	A	Aut	Fire! Fire!	Christianity -Belonging	To understand beliefs and teachings – • Describe some of the teachings of a religion. • Describe some of the main festivals or celebrati ons of a religion. To understand practices and lifestyles –	What does it mean to belong in Christianity?	The first of many Christianity focused units throughout he key stages. This forms the basis of children building their knowledge of Christianity in a range of areas. Culminating in M3 studying; Christianity – So what do we now know about Christianity?	Belief Expressions of belief Impact of Belief	belonging promises cross Jesus baptism welcome font Bible christening candle light love parents godparents

• Recognise,
name and
describe
some
religious art
efacts,
places and
practices.
To reflect –
• Identify
the things
that are
important
in their own
lives and
compare these to
these to
religious
beliefs.
• Relate
emotions to
some of the
experiences
of religious
figures
studied.
• Ask
questions
about
puzzling

				aspects of life.				
	Spr	Around the World	Christianity - Jesus	To understand beliefs and teachings – • Describe some of the teachings of a religion. • Describe some of the main festivals or celebrati ons of a religion. To understand practices and lifestyles – • Recognise, name and describe some religious art efacts, places and practices.	Why is Jesus special to Christians?	This unit will build on previous work about Jesus from EYFS (eg Christmas, Easter). Studying the significance of Jesus to Christians at this stage forms the basis for studies in M2 & M3 respectively of Christianity – Beliefs about Jesus. Then making further links to significance of God - Christianity – What do Christians believe about God?	Authority Expressions of belief Impact of belief	Jesus nativity power God parable Bethlehem miracle forgiveness

				To reflect – • Identify the things that are important in their own lives and compare these to religious beliefs. • Relate emotions to some of the experiences of religious figures studied. • Ask questions about puzzling aspects of life.				
	Sum	Travel	Buddhism -	То	What can	Make links to world	Beliefs	Siddhartha
			The Life of Buddha	understand beliefs and	we find out about	mapping – continents/countries	Authority	Buddha Bodhi
			виципа	teachings –	Buddha?	where Buddhism is	Authority	Buddhists
				• Describe	Duuulla:	practiced most	Expressions	India
				- Describe		prevalently.	of belief	inuia

				teachings of a religion. • Describe some of the main festivals or celebrati ons of a religion. To understand practices and lifestyles – • Recognise, name and describe some religious art efacts, places and practices.				
В	Aut	Past and Present	Christianity - Church	To understand beliefs and teachings – • Describe some of the teachings of a religion.	What can we learn about Christianity from visiting a church?	We have a range of Christian denomination churches locally, which we can readily access. These locations are sometimes places	Authority Expressions of belief	Church Sunday Bible Cross Hymns Worship God Altar

			 Describe some of the main festivals or celebrati ons of a religion. To understand practices and lifestyles - Recognise, name and describe some religious art efacts, places and practices. 		some of the children have previous experience of (christened there, attended a wedding) allowing them to provide context and therefore be more able to identify areas of the church we can learn about the religion from. This unit will help to establish grounding for M2 enquiry - Christianity –Why do people visit Durham Cathedral today? What can we learn about Christian worship from visiting a church?		Vicar Candles Christians Jesus Pew Prayer Harvest world
Spr	Weather Watchers	Buddhism - Beliefs	To understand beliefs and teachings – • Describe some of the teachings of a religion.	How do Buddhists show their beliefs?	The Buddhist practice of meditation is weaved into classrooms, during mindfulness/reset/b reathing focus sessions that occur	Belief Expressions of belief Impact of Belief	Buddhism prayer wheel mandala Buddha sangha rupa alms bowl

		• Describe		when needed	
		some of the	9	throughout the	
		main		school day.	
		festivals			
		or celebrat	i	This unit builds on	
		ons of a		studies in the	
		religion.		previous M1 cycle of	
				Life of the Buddha.	
		То			
		understand	1		
		practices			
		and			
		lifestyles –			
		Recognise			
		name and			
		describe			
		some			
		religious a	t		
		efacts,			
		places and			
		practices.			
		То			
		understand	1		
		how beliefs			
		are			
		conveyed -	•		
		Name some			
		religious			
		symbols.			
		• Explain			
		the meaning	g		
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			of some religious symbols.				
Sum	Castles	Christianity:	То	Why is the	A 2nd local RE unit	Belief	Bible
	and	The Bible &	understand	Bible	link across the		New Testamer
	Cathedrals	Life of St.	practices	special to	milestones. Allows	Expressions	God
		Cuthbert.	and	Christians?	children to explore	of belief	St Francis
			lifestyles –		the religious history		lectern
			 Recognise, 	What can	in the city on their	Impact of	special
			name and	we learn	doorstep and visit	Belief	care
			describe	from the	places they 'see' but		holy
			some	story of St	do not necessarily		Christians
			religious art	Cuthbert?	know about. St		creator
			efacts,		Cuthbert's shrine in		Harvest
			places and		Durham Cathedral –		worship
			practices.		final resting place of		respect
					his relics, linking		Old Testament
			To reflect –		with the M2 unit -		Jesus
			 Identify 		Christianity –Why do		father
			the things		people visit Durham		church
			that are		Cathedral today?		library
			important				love
			in their own		Links fully to		
			lives and		overarching topic of		Cuthbert
			compare		Castles & Cathedrals,		bishop
			these to		also making use of		Durham
			religious		the schools City		holy
			beliefs.		centre location &		reflection
			• Relate		both Durham Castle		Lindisfarne
			emotions to		& Cathedral being in		Holy Island
			some of the		close proximity.		Saint

Year	Cycle	Term	Overarching	RE Focus	experiences of religious figures studied. • Ask questions about puzzling aspects of life. National	RE Enquiry	This unit provides a basis for the M2 unit to build upon - Christianity – What do we know about the Bible and why is it important to Christians?	Knowledge	pray prior monk cathedral Bible Key
Group			topic		Curriculum Link (Chris Quigley Essentials) Pupils should be taught about	Question Or Statement		Categories	Vocabulary
M2 3/4	A	Aut	From Stone to Iron	Christianity – Beliefs about Jesus.	To understand beliefs and teachings • Present the key teachings and beliefs of a religion. • Refer to religious figures and holy books to	What do Christians believe about Jesus?	This unit builds on the previous M1 unit about Jesus - Christianity: Jesus Why is Jesus special to Christians? It is placed also as a precursor to the M3 Christianity unit - Beliefs - What do Christians believe about God?	Beliefs Authority Expressions of belief Impact of Belief	Bible disciples Passover gospels miracle Son of God Messiah parable Jewish

			explain ans wers.				
Spr	Settlers	Hinduism - How do Hindus worship?	To understand practices and lifestyles • Identify religious artefacts and explain how and why they are used. • Describe religious buildings and explain how they are used. • Explain some of the religious practices of both clerics and individuals.	How do Hindus worship?	This unit forms a basis of Hinduism to build on in the following M2 cycle unit; Hinduism – What do Hindus believe?	Expression of belief	Ramayana arti symbol Divali celebration Hanuman Hindu mandir murti Rama Hindu worship Lakshmi Hinduism puja shrine Sita Brahman community diva religion

	Sum	Invaders	Thematic	То	How and	Placed as an	Expressions	
			unit:	understand	why do	introduction to the	of belief	
			How do	practices	people show	M3 thematic unit -		
			people	and	care for	How any why do	Impact of	Bible
			show care?	lifestyles	others?	people care about	belief	charity
				• Identify		the environment?		compassion
				religious		Alas - 11 Calla		commandmen
				artefacts		Also, usually falls		Jesus
				and explain how		around the right time		parable
				and why		of year for Damadan /Fid		Church
				they are		Ramadan/Eid – allows for discussion		Christianity
				used.		into good deeds		Sikhism
				• Describe		within these festivals		Judaism
				religious		of Islam.		Christian
				buildings				Sikh
				and explain				Jew
				how				dhan
				they are				man
				used.				tan
				• Explain				vand chhakna
				some of the				sewa
				religious				gurdwara
				practices of				langar meal
				both clerics				synagogue
				and				Torah
				individuals.				mitzvah
								tzedaka
				To reflect				
				• Show an				
				understandi				

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		ng that		
		personal		
		experiences		
		and feelings		
		influence		
		attitudes		
		and actions.		
		• Give some		
		reasons		
		why		
		religious		
		figures may		
		have acted		
		as they did.		
		• Ask		
		questions		
		that have no		
		universally		
		agreed ans		
		wers.		
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		understand		
		values		
		• Explain		
		how beliefs		
		about right		
		and wrong		
		affect peopl		
		e's		
		behaviour.		
		• Describe		
		Describe		

	B Au		Romans Rock	Christianity – Holy Book	how some of the values held by communi ties or individuals affect behaviour and actions. • Discuss and give opinions on stories involving m oral dilemmas. To understand beliefs and teachings • Present the key teachings and beliefs of a religion. • Refer to religious figures and holy books to	What do we know about the Bible and why is it important to Christians?	Topic to build on previous Christianity units in M1 & M2, as well as exploit main topic focus of the Romans – as the early Christians were influenced by the Roman Empire in many ways. The Romans had a major impact on the spread of Christianity as they encouraged it to flourish and become	Authority Expressions of belief	sacred Salvation New Testament Creation interpretation authority Incarnation Old Testament
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	explain ans wers. To understand practices and lifestyles • Identify religious artefacts and explain how and why they are used. • Describe religious buildings and explain how they are used. • Describe religious buildings and explain how they are used. • Explain some of the religious practices of	one of the most popular religions in the world. As one of the major powers of the early centuries A.D., Rome provided a platform to preach the gospel, establish churches, and create institutions dedicated to the faith. A major contribution by the Roman Empire was the integration of Christianity into their laws, with the first recorded public declaration of Christianity taking place in the year 313 A.DSubsequent units in M3 will build further on the overview of Christianity.
	religious	on the overview of
	practices of both clerics and individuals.	Christianity.

			To understand how beliefs are conveyed • Identify religious symbolism in literature and the arts.				
Spr	Tomb Raiders	Hinduism – Beliefs	To understand beliefs and teachings – • Present the key teachings and beliefs of a religion. • Refer to religious figures and holy books to explain ans wers. To understand practices	What do Hindus believe?	This unit builds on the Key Stage 2 Unit 'How do Hindus worship?' as it explores the general beliefs behind the rituals and ceremonies which take place at home and in the mandir. The connection between the Egyptians and Hinduism is evident in various aspects of their respective religions. Ancient Egyptian mythology and gods have clear	Beliefs Expressions of belief Impact of belief	Brahman consequence Shiva Parvati ahimsa Vishnu Kali reincarnation Brahma Durga Ganesh karma

and	parallels in the Hindu
lifestyles –	religion, with some
• Identify	scholars suggesting
religious	that they share a
artefacts	common origin.
and explain	Ancient Egyptian
how	gods and goddesses
and why	such as Isis, Osiris,
they are	Anubis, Horus, and
used.	Ra have been
• Describe	compared to Hindu
religious	figures of Shakti,
buildings	Vishnu, Shiva,
and explain	Brahma, and the
how	Trimurti,
they are	respectively. The
used.	concept of
• Explain	mummification as
some of the	well as ancestor
religious	worship found in
practices of	Egyptian culture has
both clerics	its roots in Hinduism.
and	In addition, the
individuals.	Egyptians' strong
	belief in
To reflect –	reincarnation is also
• Show an	closely linked to the
understandi	Hindu belief of
ng that	reincarnation. As
personal	such, there is an
experiences	interesting
and feelings	relationship between

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		influence	these two ancient	
		attitudes	civilizations.	
		and actions.		
		• Give some		
		reasons		
		why		
		religious		
		figures may		
		have acted		
		as they did.		
		• Ask		
		questions		
		that have no		
		universally		
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		how some		
		of the		
		values held		
		by communi		
		by commun		

				ties or individuals affect behaviour and actions. • Discuss and give opinions on stories involving m oral dilemmas.				
Su	um	All Around the World	Christianity –Special places	To understand practices and lifestyles – • Identify religious artefacts and explain how and why they are used. • Describe religious buildings and explain how they are	Why do people visit Durham Cathedral today? What can we learn about Christian worship from visiting a church?	This unit is placed to run alongside a local history unit focusing on the question - Has the city of Durham been shaped by religion? Exploiting the fact, we are in a cathedral city & making use of good links/educational experiences offered by Durham Cathedral.	Beliefs Authority	saint Cuthbert Holy Island reflection ritual culture pilgrimage Aidan Lindisfarne worship symbol prayer Bede spiritual cathedral community

					used. • Explain some of the religious practices of both clerics and individuals.				crucifix symbol worship candles cross Church
Year Group	Cycle	Term	Overarching topic	RE Focus	National Curriculum Link (Chris Quigley Essentials) Pupils should be taught about	RE Enquiry Question Or Statement	Links and Progression	Knowledge Categories	Key Vocabulary
M3 5/6	A	Aut	Britain at War	Judaism	To understand beliefs and teachings • Explain how some teachings and beliefs are shared between religions. • Explain how religious beliefs	Why is Moses important to Jewish people? Why do Jewish people go to synagogue? How are Jewish beliefs expressed in	An additional unit taught due to its links to a chosen history topic with national and international significance and one with a variety and wealth of sources of evidence. Children are able to link learning of Judaism during RE to their history topic, Britain at War, by doing so	Beliefs Authority Expressions of belief Impact of belief	Torah Kippah Synagogue Shabbat Judaica Menorah Yom Kippur Mitzvot Rabbi Hebrew

		shape the	the home?	are very engaged in	
		lives		the RE elements.	
		of individua		Links are easily	
		ls and		made as Judaism and	
		communitie		World War II are	
		S.		deeply intertwined	
		То		through the Jewish	
		understand		people's persecution	
		practices		and destruction at	
		and		the hands of Nazi	
		lifestyles		Germany. At the	
		• Explain		same time, Judaism	
		the		was a source of	
		practices		strength and	
		and		resilience for many	
		lifestyles		Jews in the war,	
		involved		providing them with	
		in belonging		solace and hope as	
		to a faith		they confronted	
		community.		unthinkable	
		• Compare		suffering.	
		and		suitering.	
		contrast the			
		lifestyles of			
		different fait			
		h groups			
		and give			
		reasons			
		why some			
		within the			
		same faith			
		may adopt			
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different lifestyles.	
Show an	
understandi	
ng of the	
role of	
a spiritual	
leader.	
То	
understand	
how beliefs	
are	
conveyed –	
• Explain	
some of the	
different	
ways	
that individ	
uals show	
their beliefs.	
*Additional	
area of atudu to link	
study to link with history	
topic -	
World wars	

Spr	Our Planet	Christianity – Beliefs	To understand beliefs and teachings • Explain how some teachings and beliefs are shared between	What do Christians believe about God?	This unit is the culmination of studies on Christian beliefs, building on from the M1 unit about Jesus - <i>Why is</i> <i>Jesus special to</i> <i>Christians?</i> And the M2 unit – Beliefs about Jesus.	Beliefs Authority	Bible Trinity authority saviour Christians metaphor power infinite God creator
			religions. • Explain how religious beliefs shape the lives of individua ls and communitie s.				protector eternal
Sum	Life on Earth	Thematic unit - Rituals	 Explain the practices and lifestyles involved in belonging to a faith community. 	Why do people use rituals today?	This unit enables pupils to build on and develop further their knowledge and understanding about the similarities and differences in religions – first looked at in M2 -	Beliefs Expression of beliefs	symbol mass wuzu Haggadah mosque Isralites ritual Minaret Holy Communi

• Compare	How and why do	salah
and	people show care for	Pesach
contrast the	others?	Submission
lifestyles of	by looking at a	Eucharist
different fait	feature of religion	chalice
h groups	(ritual) in 2/3	prostration
and give	religions. Through	Islam
reasons	this study, pupils	
why some	learn about the	
within the	importance of	
same faith	symbol and ritual for	
may adopt	expressing beliefs in	
different	religious	
lifestyles.	communities.	
• Show an		
understandi	This unit also gives	
ng of the	pupils the	
role of	opportunity to	
a spiritual	develop their	
leader.	understanding of	
	how religion can be	
	defined as pupils can	
	use their learning	
	about religions to	
	form a framework of	
	connections between	
	Belief, Authority,	
	Expressions of Belief	
	and the Impact of	
	Belief (the 4	
	concepts).	

В	Aut	Past and	Thematic	• Explain	How any why	By this point pupils	Belief	
		Present	unit: Care	the	do people	have increased their		
				practices	care about	knowledge and	Expressions	
				and	the	developed their	of belief	
				lifestyles	environment	understanding of the		
				involved	?	beliefs and features	Impact of	
				in belonging		of Christianity,	beliefs	
				to a faith		Hinduism and		
				community.		Sikhism as discrete		
				• Compare		religions. This unit		
				and		further develops		
				contrast the		skills of investigation		
				lifestyles of		and enquiry by		
				different fait		comparing 3		stewardship
				h groups		religious traditions		creation
				and give		in one area of study:		environment
				reasons		The Environment.		impact
				why some		Through this study		
				within the		pupils will increase		
				same faith		general awareness of		
				may adopt		the global world in		
				different		which they live and		
				lifestyles.		learn about the		
				Show an		impact of religion on		
				understandi		individuals and		
				ng of the		communities, both		
				role of		locally, nationally		
				a spiritual		and internationally.		
				leader.		Geography links.		

	Opportunity for this	
	unit to form part of a	
	cross-curricular	
	topic on	
	environmental	
	issues.	
	Knowledge and	
	Understanding of	
	Religion	
	Pupils will	
	understand some of	
	the beliefs and	
	teachings of	
	Christianity,	
	Buddhism and Islam	
	which relate to the	
	natural world.	
	They will consider	
	the impact these	
	have for differing	
	individuals and	
	communities.	
	Critical Thinking	
	In response to	
	questions raised	
	about religious	
	beliefs and the	
	environment, pupils	
	will express views	

					and give reasons to back these up. Personal Reflection Pupils will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own ideas, feelings and thoughts on care for the natural world and make responses.		
Spr	Lands and Landscapes	Islam	 Explain how some teachings and beliefs are shared between religions. Explain how religious beliefs shape the lives of individua ls and communitie s. 	Islam. What can we find out about a local Muslim community? What can we learn about religious diversity in our area?	This local area study makes links to the history unit looking at - The Middle Ages; a dark age or a golden age? It provides opportunities to address prejudice, misconception and diversity.	Belief Authority Expressions of belief Impact of beliefs	Muslim Islam Mosque

Sum	Groovy Greeks	Christianity -	A local RE study making links to a previous local area history unit. • Explain how some	So what do we now	This unit was chosen to link what pupils	Belief	
			teachings and beliefs are shared between religions. • Explain how religious beliefs shape the lives of individua ls and communitie s. • Explain the practices and lifestyles	know about Christianity?	 have learnt about Christianity across ks1 and 2 and enable continuity and progression of learning into Year 7. It is also based on developing learning about the RE concepts which run across all key stages (through our use of the Durham Agreed Syllabus): BELIEF: key Christian beliefs including beliefs about God, Jesus, human life, love and forgiveness. 	Authority Expressions of belief Impact of beliefs	Belief, Authority, Expression, Impact, Trinity, forgiveness, Beatitudes, diversity, artefact, chalice, icon, crucifix.

involved	AUTHORITY: the
in belonging	sources that help
to a faith	Christians in their
community.	beliefs, attitudes
Compare	and actions e.g.
and	Bible, person of
contrast the	Jesus, church
lifestyles of	leaders.
different fait	EXPRESSIONS OF
h groups	BELIEF: how
and give	Christians
reasons	express their
why some	beliefs through
within the	worship, ritual,
same faith	symbols,
may adopt	ceremonies.
different	IMPACT OF
lifestyles.	BELIEF: the
• Show an	difference that
understandi	belief makes to
ng of the	how Christians
role of	think feel and act
a spiritual	
leader.	This unit mainly
	allows us to
• Explain	consolidate pupils'
some of the	knowledge and
different	understanding of
ways	Christianity. There is
that individ	also, however, some
uals show	opportunities for
their beliefs.	

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			pupils to respond to	
		Recognise	puzzling/interesting	
		and express	questions raised by	
		feelings	their study of	
		about their	Christianity. These	
		own identiti	can be discussed and	
		es. Relate	help develop Critical	
		these to	Thinking.	
		religious		
		beliefs	There is also	
		or teachings	opportunity for	
			pupils to reflect on	
		• Explain	their own feelings,	
		their own	beliefs, values and	
		ideas about	ideas as a result of	
		the answers	their learning about	
		to ultimate	the RE concepts –	
		questions.	Personal Reflection.	
		• Explain		
		why their		
		own		
		answers to		
		ultimate qu		
		estions may		
		differ from		
		those of		
		others.		
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		wrong.		
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		of morals		
		and right		
		and wrong		
		beyond		
		rules (i.e.		
		wanting to		
		act in		
		a certain		
		way despite		
		rules).		
		• Express		
		their own		
		values and		
		remain		
		respectful of		
		those with		
		different		
		values.		
		values.		