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Progression in language, vocabulary and key ideas: a summary 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. This approach is informed by OFSTED’s interest in ambitious curriculum, rich knowledge and progression in thinking and substantive knowledge.

| Nursery        | Special, families, miracle, Jesus, Christians, God, rules, Christmas, feelings, shepherds, wise men, angel, Mary, Joseph, worship, celebrate, celebrations, feelings, seasons, Easter, new life, Spring time, symbols, pray, special place and stories, sharing, special, same/different, church, mosques, synagogues |                       |  |
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| YR             | KS1   | LKS2                  | UKS2                                     |
| Incarnation    | Parable   | Creation              | Cathedral                                |
| Christmas      | Praise  | Fall                  | Holy, Loving, Divine                     |
| Jesus          | Christian   | Forgiveness           | Justice, Mercy, Forgiveness              |
| Bible          | Forgiveness   | Stewards              | Messiah, Saviour                         |
| Nativity       | Lord  | Caretakers            | Incarnation                              |
| Christian      | King  | Conservation          | Gospel                                   |
| God            | Creation  | Covenant / pact       | Prophecy                                 |
| Creator        | Genesis   | Ceremony              | Trinity                                  |
| Jew            | Creator   | Old and New Testament | The Fall                                 |
| Harvest        | Grace   | Book-chapter-verse    | Isaiah, Micah                            |
| Praise         | Universe  | Noah, Abraham, Joseph | Gospel                                   |
| Worship        | Harvest   | Gospel                | Parable                                  |
| Easter         | Christmas   | Disciples             | Narrative                                |
| Cross          | Easter  | Outcasts              | Peace                                    |
| Jesus          | Shema   | Possessions           | Healing                                  |
| Good Friday    | Chanukah  | Unclean / rejected    | Commandment                              |
| Palm Sunday    | Shabbat   | ‘Fishing for people’  | Sermon                                   |
| Spring         | Sukkot  | Ibadah                | Ibadah, Tawhid, Iman, Ummah              |
| Hosanna        | Mezuzah   | Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr  | Sunni, Shi’a, Sufi                       |
| Ceremony       | Genesis   | Surah                 | Five Pillars                             |
| Welcome        | Charity   | Tawhid                | Eid-ul-Adha                              |
| Baptism        | Natural world   | Salah                 | Hajj                                     |
| Dedication     | Golden Rule   | Rak’ah                | Qur’an, Sunnah, Hadith                   |
| Aqiqah         | Almsgiving  | Subhan                | Shema, Mezuzah, Tefillin, Ein Keloheinu, |
| Raksha Bandhan | Tikkun olam, Tu B’shevat  | Mosque/masjid         | Avinu Malkeinu, Siddur, Sefer Torah      |
| Blessing       | Community   | Night of Power        | Torah, Nevi’im, Ketuvim                  |



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| Religious people<br>Muslims<br>Hindus<br>Church, Mosque, Synagogue, Temple<br>Religion<br>Special books<br>Special places<br>Special stories<br>Prayer<br>Diwali<br>Non-religious | Welcome ceremony<br>Marriage<br>Baptism/Christening/Dedication<br>Brit bat / Zeved habat<br>Aqiqah<br>Gospel<br>Bethlehem, Nazareth<br>Advent<br>Gabriel<br>Incarnation<br>Salvation<br>Jerusalem<br>Betrayal, forgiveness<br>Crucifixion, tomb<br>Disciples<br>Tax collector<br>Charity<br>Confession<br>Homeless<br>Shahadah<br>Prophet, Muhammad<br>Ramadan<br>Fasting<br>Self-control<br>Tawhid<br>Iman<br>Worship, Sacred<br>Mosque: Wudu, calligraphy, prayer beads, minbar, mihrab, muezzin<br>Church: Altar, crucifix, font, lectern, pulpit, vestments, baptismal pool, icons<br>Synagogue: Ark, Ner Tamid, Torah scroll, tzitzit, teffilin, tallit, kippah, Hannukiah, bimah | Exodus<br>Rosh Hashanah<br>Yom Kippur<br>Shofar<br>Tashlich<br>Atonement<br>Pesach/Passover<br>10 Commandments, 2 Commandments of Jesus, Golden Rule<br>Tikkun olam, Tzedaka, Jewish Child’s Day, Tu B’shevat, Zakah<br>Trinity<br>Gospel<br>Holy Spirit<br>Baptism<br>Saviour, Salvation<br>Holy Week<br>Good Friday<br>Sin<br>Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday<br>Mary<br>Rituals<br>Pentecost<br>Acts<br>Kingdom of God<br>Resurrection<br>Lord’s Prayer<br>Aum<br>Brahman, Svetaketu, Vishnu, Shiva, Saraswati, Lakshmi, Parvati, Trimurti<br>Ganesh, Krishna, Durga<br>Rama and Sita<br>Atman<br>Puja | Mitzvot<br>Image of God<br>Fallen<br>Moral code<br>Humanist<br>Christian<br>Good Samaritan<br>Values<br>Atheist<br>Christianity:<br>Genesis<br>Creator<br>Cosmology<br>Evolution<br>Resurrection<br>Sacrifice<br>Holy Communion, Lord’s Supper,<br>Eucharist<br>Passover<br>Congregation<br>Kingdom of God<br>Hunger<br>Poverty<br>Temptation in the wilderness<br>Tenants in the vineyard<br>Justice<br>Fairness<br>Belief in God:<br>Agnostic<br>Theist<br>Atheist<br>Individual conscience<br>Philosophers<br>Family background |
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|  | Psalms, hymns<br>Qur’an, Bible, Torah<br>Tu B’shevat<br>Religion, festival, celebration<br>Symbol<br>Thankful<br>Faith, belief<br>Holiness<br>God, Jesus, Holy Spirit<br>Prophet<br>Eid<br>Muslim<br>Islam<br>Christian<br>Hindu, Diwali<br>Creator<br>Christmas, Easter<br>Moses<br>Moon and star<br>Passover<br>Star of David<br>Jewish, Judaism, Shabbat<br>Joseph<br>Allah<br>Aum shrine<br>Gods and goddesses<br>Ganesha, Murtis<br>Devotion<br>Mandir<br>Puja<br>Humanist, non-religious<br>Golden Rule<br>Worldview | Arti<br>Bhajans<br>Mandir<br>Diwali<br>Sanatan Dharma<br>Dharma<br>Holi<br>Sacred thread<br>Baptism<br>Marriage<br>Religion, spiritual, commitment, values<br>Prayer, pilgrim, pilgrimage, ritual<br>Worship, devotion, belief<br>Life after death, soul, inspiration<br>Christian, Christmas, Easter<br>Harvest Festival<br>Messiah<br>Liturgy<br>God the Creator, Heaven<br>Sarah, Moses<br>Lawgiver<br>Muslim<br>Allah<br>Prophet<br>Qur’an<br>Paradise<br>Raksha Bandhan<br>Hanuman<br>Humanist<br>Non-religious<br>Atheist<br>Ethics<br>Worldview | Religious experience<br><br>Hinduism:<br>Karma, Dharma, Samsara, Moksha,<br>Punusharthas, Artha, Atman, Kama,<br>Ashrama<br><br>When life gets hard:<br>Afterlife<br>Resurrection<br>Judgement<br>Salvation<br>Karma, Reincarnation<br>Religion<br>Harmony, respect, tolerance,<br>compassion<br>Faith, interfaith<br>Sacred text<br>Agape<br>Persecution<br>Prejudice<br>Hadith<br>Beth Shalom<br>Ahimsa<br>Acklaq<br>Remembrance<br>Jacob, Ruth, King David, King Solomon,<br>Esther<br>Purim<br>Devotee |
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