Progression of RE Knowledge – Understanding Christianity

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		What do Christians belie	ve God is like? (Y1-			What does it mean if Go	d is holy and loving?
		<u>Term 1)</u>				<u>(Y5- T1)</u>	
God		*To know Christians believe find out about God in the B • To know Christians believ fair, and also Lord and King stories that show this. • To know that Christians w	Bible. e God is loving, kind, g; and there are some			 Pupils will know that: Christians believe God is and eternal, and that this worshipping. Christians believe God is and Christians have to bala angered by sin and injustic being loving, forgiving, and Christians believe God lo Jesus was born, lived, was to show God's love. Christians do not all agree but try to follow his path, Bible or through Church te Christians believe getting getting to know a person r information. 	means God is worth both holy and loving, ance ideas of God being ce (see Fall) but also I full of grace. ves people so much that crucified and rose again ce about what God is like, as they see it in the eaching. g to know God is like
K	<u>(ey vocabulary</u>	Key vocabularyChristianityPrayerChurchReligionCommunityGodWorshipFaithBibleLight of the WorldJesusCandle		<u>Key vocabulary</u>		Key vocabularyOmnipotentEternalOmniscientHolyLovingForgivingSinGraceInjusticeConfessionalReconciliationHoliness	

Why is the word 'God' <u>so</u> <u>Important to</u> <u>Christians? (Y R-Term</u> <u>1</u>) Children will know that: • The word God is a name. • Christians believe God is the Creator of the universe. • Christians believe God made our wonderful world and so we should look after it.	Who made the world? (Y2- Term 1) Pupils will know that Christians believe: • God created the universe. • The Earth and everything in it are important to God. • God has a unique relationship with human beings as their Creator and Sustainer. • Humans should care for the world because it belongs to God.	 What do Christians learn from the Creation story? (Y4- Term 1) Pupils will know that Christians believe: God the Creator cares for the creation, including human beings. As human beings are part of God's good creation, they do best when they listen to God. The Bible tells a story (in Genesis 3) about how humans spoiled their friendship with God (sometimes called 'the Fall'). This means that humans cannot get close to God without God's help. The Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him - he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live (such as the Ten Commandments), and offers forgiveness even when they keep on falling short. Christians show that they want to be close to God too, through obedience and worship, which includes saying sorry for falling short. 	Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? (Year 6- T1) Pupils will know that: • There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts. • These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts: for example, does reading Genesis as a poetic account conflict with scientific accounts? • There are many scientists through history and now who are Christians. • The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more
GodBibleCreationChurchWorshipPrayHarvestChristianLord's PrayerThanksBaptismCharity	Jewish Creator Universe Relationship Unique	TimelineResponsibleDesignGarden of EdenTemptationHuman NatureForgivenessPunishmentSinCommandments	ContemporaryScientificControversyConflictWonderMajestyPowerInterpretationsCosmologyEvolution

Creation

People of God	What is it like to follow God? (V3 Term 1) Pupils will know that: • The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the children of Israel - the People of God - and their relationship with God. • The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him. • They believe he promises to stay with them, and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises. • The Old Testament narrative explains that the People of God are meant to show the benefits of having a relationship with God, and to attract all other nations to worshipping God. • Christians believe that, through Jesus, all people can become the People of God.	How can following God bring freedom and justice? (Y5- Term 3) Pupils will know that: • The Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God. As their circumstances change (for example, from being nomads (Abraham, Jacob) to being city dwellers (David)), they have to learn new ways of following God. • The story of Moses and the Exodus shows how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus' death and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin. • Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others, for example by loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice, and telling the story of Jesus. • Christians see the Christian Church as part of the ongoing story of the People of God, and try to live in a way that attracts others to God, for example as salt and light in the world.
	Promises Agreements Covenant Vows Faith Trust	FreedomJusticeTheologicalExodusSlaveryObedienceSalvationCommandmentsCovenantChristian ChurchInjusticeMissionNomads

Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? (Term 2) Children will know that: • Christians believe God came to Earth in human form as Jesus. • Christians believe Jesus came to show that all people are precious and special to God.	 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Y1 Term 2 (Core learning) Y2 Term 2 Digging deeper) Pupils will know that: Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. The Bible points out that his birth showed he was extraordinary (e.g. he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (e.g. to the poor, in Luke). Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time for getting ready for Jesus' coming. 	What is the Trinity? (V3 term 3 Core learning Y4 Term 2 Digging deeper)Pupils will know that: • Christians believe Jesus is one of the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. • Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers. • Christians worship God as Trinity. It is a huge idea to grasp, and artists have created art to help to express this belief. • Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.	Was Jesus the Messiah? Pupils will know that: • Jesus was Jewish. • Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh. • They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God. • The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like. • Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah.) • Christians see Jesus as their Saviour
Christmas Nativity Special Celebrate Thanksgiving Welcome Precious Advent	Bethlehem Good News Gospels Gratitude Church Crib Incarnate	Gratitude incarnate incarnation saviour Trinity Father Son Holy Spirit	Messiah Prophecy Trinity Incarnation Saviour Anointed Transformation Transfiguration Revolution

Incarnation

Gospel	What is the good news that Jesus brings? (Y1 Term 3 core learning and Y2 Term 3 Digging Deeper) Pupils will know that: • Christians believe Jesus brings good news for all people. • For Christians, this good news includes being loved by God, and being forgiven for bad things. • Christians believe Jesus is a friend to the poor and friendless. • Christians believe Jesus' teachings make people think hard about	What kind of world did Jesus want? (Y4- Term 3) Pupils will know that: • Christians believe Jesus challenges everyone about how to live - he sets the example for loving God and your neighbour, putting others first. • Christians believe Jesus challenges people who pretend to be good (hypocrisy), and shows love and forgiveness to unlikely people. • Christians believe Jesus' life shows what it means to love God (his Father) and love your neighbour. • Christians try to be like Jesus - they want to know him better and better. • Christians try to put his teaching and example into practice in lots of ways, from church worship to social justice.	What would Jesus do? (Y6 Term 2) Pupils will know that: • Christians believe the good news is not just about setting an example for good behaviour and challenging bad behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way to heal the damage done by human sin. • Christians see that Jesus' teachings and example cut across expectations — the Sermon on the Mount is an example of this, where Jesus' values favour serving the weak and vulnerable, not making people comfortable. • Christians believe that Jesus' good news transforms lives now, but also points towards a restored, transformed life in the future (see Salvation and Kingdom of God). • Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways, within their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community.
	Good NewsFriendshipForgivenessPeaceInstructionsCommunitySharingThankful	NeighbourDiscipleClergyTeachingsParableHidden MeaningLoveHypocrisySocial Justice	National Global Sermon Commandments Miracle Transformation Sacrament Discipleship

	Why do Christians put	Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Year 1	Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good	What did Jesus do to save human beings? (Vear
	a cross in an Easter	Term 4 Core Learning, Y2 Term 4 digging	Friday'? (V3 term 4 core learning V4 Term 4	5- Term 4)
	<u>garden? (YR Term 4)</u>	deeper)	digging deeper)	
				What difference does the Resurrection make
	Children will know	Pupils will know that:	Pupils will know that:	for Christians? (year 6- Term 4)
	that:	• Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the	Christians see Holy Week as the culmination	
	 Christians remember 	Bible. Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive	of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and	Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible
	Jesus' last week at	all people, even for putting him on the cross.	resurrection.	as pointing out the need for God to save people.
	Easter.	 Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between 	• The various events of Holy Week, such as the	This salvation includes the ongoing
	• Jesus' name means 'He	God and humans.	Last	restoration of humans' relationship with
	saves'.	 Christians believe Jesus rose 	Supper, were important in showing the disciples	God.
	 Christians believe 		what Jesus came to earth to do.	 The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and
	Jesus came to show		 Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise 	resurrection.
	God's love.		from the dead, and so is still alive today.	 The New Testament says that Jesus' death was
	 Christians try to show 		 Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last 	somehow 'for us'.
	love to others.		week, death and resurrection.	 Christians interpret this in a variety of ways:
				for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as a victory
no				over sin, death and the Devil; paying the
/at				punishment as a substitute for everyone's
Salvation				sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to
•,				God; leading from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom.
				Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through
				the service of Holy Communion (also called
				the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the
				Mass).
				Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to
				Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of
				God, but also that death is not the end.
				• This belief gives Christians hope for life with
				God, starting now and continuing in a new life
				(Heaven).
				• Christians believe that Jesus calls them to
				sacrifice their own needs to the needs of
				others, and some are prepared to die for others
				and for their faith.

	Easter	Incarnation	Creation	Pesach	
	Palm Sunday	Holy Week	Fall	Sacrifice	
	King	Worship	Maundy Thursday	Eucharist	
	Save	Festival	Last Supper	Mass	
	Rescue	Symbol	Holy Communion	Victory	
	Palm	Cross	Passover	Restoration	
	Good Friday	Crucifix	Death	Epitaph	
	Easter Saturday	Suffering	Crucifixion	Memorial	
	Easter Sunday	Forgiveness	Resurrection		
	Commandment	Lent	Ritual		
	Risen		Betrayal		
	Hero		Trust		
	Samaritan				
	Gospel				
	Hosanna				
Kingdom of God	Hosanna		 When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? (Year 3 term 5) Pupils will know that: Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the 'Kingdom of God' - i.e. Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is king, not just in heaven but here and now ('Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'). Christians believe Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives through the Holy Spirit, if they let him. Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God. Christians celebrate Pentecost as the beginning of the Church. Staying connected to Jesus means that the fruit of the Spirit can grow in the lives of Christians. 	What kind of king is Jesus? (Year 6 Term 6) Pupils will know that: • Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God's rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who live in obedience to God. • The parables suggest that there will be a future Kingdom, where God's reign will be complete. • The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so. • Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social structures in their locality and in the world.	

	Pentecost	Unjust
	Holy Spirit	
	Kingdom	
	Anxieties	
	Worries	
	Bereaved	
	King	
	Comforter	
	Fruits of the Spirit	
	Virtues	
	Parish	
	Fellowship	
	Narrative	
	Letter (as text)	
	Inaugurated	
	Invisible	
	Body of Christ	
	Father	
	Son	

Additional EYFS Units:

Term 3: Which Stories are special and why? (New Testament)

Term 5: Which Stories are special and why (Old Testament)

Term 6: Which stories are special and why (World Faiths)