

Year 8 Curriculum Map: Religious Education

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
Unit Title & Assessment Task	Who are the Prophets? Unit test. Evaluative writing.	What is Judaism? Unit test. Evaluative writing.	How can we follow the example of Jesus? Unit test. Evaluative writing.	How did Jesus fulfil the Covenant? Unit test. Evaluative writing.	What happens when we die? Unit test. Evaluative writing.	What Eastern religions are present in the UK today? (Hinduism) Unit test. Evaluative writing.
Key Knowledge/ Skills	Define and understand the importance of what a covenant is. Explore the History of the Old Testament prophets. Explain the role and purpose of Prophets. Discuss the significance of Abraham as the Father of faiths to Christianity, Islam and Judaism.	Investigate the origins of Jewish beliefs and practices through analysing scripture. (Hebrew Bible). Demonstrate understanding and compare different divergent Jewish traditions. Demonstrate understanding of Jewish Festivals: Hanukkah; Rosh Hashanah; Passover; Rites of Passage	Explore what makes a person a Christian, emphasising the Incarnation and the Trinity. Explore how Jesus is Jewish. Understand and explain the teachings of Jesus through his ministry. E.g. Parables. Explore parables told by Jesus, imp articular ones that focus on the kingdom of God. Investigate the lives of inspirational people and assess the teachings of Jesus that they demonstrated.	Pupils will make connections from previous learning between Judaism and Christianity. Analyse the Old Testament prophecies about Jesus and link these to the events of Holy Week. Explore the events of Holy Week. Make connections between the last supper and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Investigate how the Trinity and evangelism continued the message of Jesus' death.	Investigate a variety of different religious and non-religious beliefs and traditions about life after death. Consider the impact that these beliefs will have on the believer. Analyse the ways that these beliefs are depicted though art to give them a greater understanding. Explain Day of the Dead festival; explain Christian views of life after death; explain Jewish views of life after death; explain Hindu view on reincarnation.	Explore Hindu beliefs surrounding creation and the afterlife and applying these to fundamental religious practices. Key understanding of beliefs, teachings and practices of Hinduism. Explain Hindu teachings on – Origins of religion; Gods and Goddesses; sacred writings and place of worship. Explore Hindu myths and Hindu Festival of Holi and Diwali.

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					Explain a range of funeral rites – Christian, Jewish.	
Rationale:	Pupils are able to understand the roots of Judaism and Christianity through the roles of various Prophets and make links where necessary between Judaism and Christianity.	Pupils are able to study this religion in detail, drawing on previous learning about prophets. Explain practices by referring to Covenants also.	Pupils will recall how Jesus is the fulfilment of the Messianic Prophecy. They will understand how His example underpins Christian behaviours.	Pupils will explore in more detail the links between Christianity and Judaism through the fulfilment of the OT Covenants. They will explore this through study of the events of Holy Week and reflect on the impact of Jesus' teachings on Christianity today.	Pupils will study the concept of the afterlife from a range of religious perspectives, starting with Christianity and the other Abrahamic faiths, as well as non-religious perspectives.	This unit allows pupils the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of Hinduism. Meanwhile, Addressing any misconceptions that they have had.