

Diocesan syllabus overview (VA schools)

You may want to move the units within a year group to fit with other curriculum considerations.

This is a model for the initial years of the syllabus – we may need to review this as pupils' understanding deepens.

	AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
Reception	BEING SPECIAL OR CREATION Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?	INCARNATION Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?	BEING SPECIAL OR CREATION Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?	SALVATION Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?	What can we learn from Old Testament stories?	What do Christians believe is special about Jesus and the message that he brings?
Year 1	GOD What do Christians believe that God is like?	INCARNATION Why does Christmas matter to Christians? <i>CORE LEARNING</i>	GOSPEL What is the good news that Jesus brings? <i>CORE LEARNING</i>	SALVATION Why does Easter matter to Christians? <i>CORE LEARNING</i>	What stories are told by and about people of different faiths and beliefs?	What stories are told by and about people of different faiths and beliefs?
Year 2	CREATION Who made the world?	INCARNATION Why does Christmas matter to Christians? <i>DIGGING DEEPER</i>	GOSPEL What is the good news that Jesus brings? <i>DIGGING DEEPER</i>	SALVATION Why does Easter matter to Christians? <i>DIGGING DEEPER</i>	JUDAISM What special times and people do Jewish people remember and celebrate?	JUDAISM What special times and people do Jewish people remember and celebrate?
Year 3	PEOPLE OF GOD What is it like to follow God?	INCARNATION What is the Trinity? <i>CORE LEARNING</i> Christmas	SIKHISM What is important for Sikh people?	SALVATION Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?	KINGDOM OF GOD When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?	SIKHISM How do Sikh people worship and celebrate?

		2 lessons		<i>CORE LEARNING</i>		
Year 4	CREATION What do Christians learn from the Creation story?	INCARNATION What is the Trinity? <i>DIGGING DEEPER</i>	GOSPEL What kind of a world did Jesus want?	SALVATION Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? <i>DIGGING DEEPER</i>	HINDUISM What do Hindu people believe about God?	HINDUISM How do Hindu people worship and celebrate?
Year 5	GOD What does it mean if God is loving and holy?	INCARNATION Was Jesus the Messiah? <i>CORE LEARNING</i>	PEOPLE OF GOD How can following God bring freedom and justice?	SALVATION What did Jesus do to save human beings?	ISLAM What do Muslim people believe about the way they should live their lives and why?	ISLAM What do Muslim people believe about the way they should live their lives and why?
Year 6	CREATION Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? in the wider context of 'Big Questions'	INCARNATION Was Jesus the Messiah? <i>DIGGING DEEPER</i> Christmas 2 lessons	GOSPEL What would Jesus do?	SALVATION What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?	BUDDHISM What do Buddhists believe about the way they should live their lives and why?	KINGDOM OF GOD What kind of king is Jesus?