



The EYFS framework is structured very differently to learning within key stage one and two as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas. The aim of this document is to help subject leaders to understand how the skills taught across EYFS feed into later learning.

Religious education is not a statutory part of the national curriculum but state funded, local authority schools must provide a basic curriculum. Schools designated as having a religious character are free to make their own decisions in preparing their syllabuses. Each local authority will have an agreed syllabus so it is important RE subject leaders are aware of the agreed syllabus and how statements from the 2020 Development Matters feed into that particular syllabus.

The table below outlines the most relevant statements taken from the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS statutory framework and the Development Matters age ranges for Three and Four-Year-Olds and Reception.

The most relevant statements for RE are taken from the following areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Understanding the World

RE			
Three and Four- Year-Olds	Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
	Understanding the World		Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.
Reception	Personal, Social and Emotional Development		 See themselves as a valuable individual. Think about the perspectives of others.
	Understanding the World		 Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them. Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
ELG	Personal, Social and Emotional Development Understanding the World	Building Relationships Past and Present	 Show sensitivity to their own and others' needs. Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.
		People and Communities	 Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.



	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Beliefs and teachings (from various religions)	Children begin to recall and name different beliefs and main festivals associated with religions. Children can recognise different religious symbols, their relevance for individuals and how they feature in festivals. Children can: a describe the main beliefs of a religion; b describe the main festivals of a religion.	 Children can describe the key beliefs and teachings of the religions studied, making some comparisons between religions. Children expand on their knowledge of world religions from KS1. Children can: a describe the key teachings and beliefs of a religion; b begin to compare the main festivals of world religions; c refer to religious figures and holy books. 	 Children can explain how beliefs and teachings can make contributions to the lives of individuals and communities. Children can compare the key beliefs and teachings of various religions, using appropriate language and vocabulary and demonstrating respect and tolerance. Children can: a recognise and explain how some teachings and beliefs are shared between religions; b explain how religious beliefs can shape the lives of individuals and contribute to society.
Rituals, ceremonies and lifestyles (from various religions)	 Children begin to explore daily practices and rituals of religions, identifying religious practices and recognising that some are featured in more than one religion. Children begin to reflect on their own experiences of attending ceremonies. Children can: a recognise, name and describe religious artefacts, places and practices; b explain religious rituals and ceremonies and the meaning of them, including their own experiences of them; c observe when practices and rituals are featured in more than one religion or lifestyle. 	 Moving on from KS1, children look at the concepts of belonging, identity and meaning. Children understand what belonging to a religion might look like, through practices and rituals, and what it might involve. Children begin to discuss and present thoughtfully their own and others' views. Children also explore pilgrimages as a part of a religious life. Children can: a identify religious artefacts and how they are involved in daily practices and rituals; b describe religious buildings and how they are used; c explain religious ceremonies and rituals and their importance for people's lives and sense of belonging. 	 Children look further at the concepts of belonging, identity and meaning. They understand how certain features of religion make a difference to individuals and communities. Children also explore the rituals and ceremonies which mark important points in life. Moving on from LKS2, children will have the opportunity to explore non-religious ways of life. Children can: a explain practices and lifestyles associated with belonging to a faith; b explain practices and lifestyles associated with belonging to a non-religious community; c compare lifestyles of different faiths and give reasons why some people within the same faith choose to adopt different lifestyles; d show an understanding of the role of a spiritual leader.



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How beliefs are expressed	Children explore a range of sources of wisdom and the traditions from which they come. They can suggest some meanings to religious stories. Children begin to recognise different symbols and how they express a community's way of life. Children can: a name religious symbols and the meaning of them; b learn the name of important religious stories; c retell religious stories and suggest meanings in the story.	 Children explore the expression of beliefs through books, scriptures, art and other important means of communication. Children then move on to exploring a range of beliefs, symbols and actions to express meaning. Children can explain the meaning of religious stories and sources of wisdom and the traditions from which they come. Children can: a begin to identify religious symbolism in different forms of art and communication; b looking at holy texts and stories, explain meaning in a story; c express their beliefs in different forms, with respect for others' beliefs and comparing beliefs. 	 Children continue to explore the expression of beliefs through books, scriptures, art and any other important means of communication, as in LKS2. Children then move on to exploring a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so they can understand different ways of life and expressing meaning. Children can explain meaning of religious stories, sources of wisdom and the traditions from which they come. Children can: a explore religious symbolism in literature and the arts; b explain some of the different ways individuals show their beliefs; c share their opinion or express their own belief with respect and tolerance for others.



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Time to reflect and personal growth	 Children look at how an appreciation of religion plays an important role in the lives of some people. They make links to expressing identity and belonging and what is important to them. Children can: a identify things that are important in their lives; b ask questions about the puzzling aspects of life; c understand that there are similarities and differences between people. 	 Children further explore how an appreciation of religion plays an important role in the lives of some people. They make links to expressing identity and belonging, including links to communities they may belong to. They notice and respond sensitively to different views. Children can: understand that personal experiences and feelings can influence their attitudes and actions; offer suggestions about why religious and non-religious leaders and followers have acted the way they have; ask questions that have no agreed answers, and offer suggestions as answers to those questions; understand that there are similarities and differences between people and respect those differences. 	 Children continue to develop their understanding how an appreciation of religion plays an important role in the lives of some people. They make links to expressing identity and belonging, and notice and respond sensitively to different views. Children can then discuss and apply their own and others' ideas about ethical questions, including ideas about what is right and wrong and what is just and fair. Children can: a recognise and express feelings about their identities and beliefs; b explain their own opinions about tricky concepts and tricky questions that have no universally agreed answers; c explain why their answers may be different from someone else's and respond sensitively. 	



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- make informed choices and understand the consequences of choices;
- describe how shared values in a community can affect behaviour and outcomes;
- discuss and give opinions on morals and values, including their own.

Children continue to develop their appreciation of the ways in which people's values are an important aspect of their lives. They make links to responsibility and citizenship. Children begin to understand the concept of shared values and how a community can use shared values. Moving on from their previous learning, children begin to strengthen their capacity for moral judgements.

Children can:

- explain why individuals and communities may have similar and differing values;
- show an awareness of morals, question morals and demonstrate an ability to make choices, understanding the consequences;
- c express their own values while respecting the values of others.