



**RE Core Curriculum
Foundation Stage**

Unit	Theme: Special People Key Question: What makes people special? Religions: Christianity, Judaism	Theme: Christmas Key Question: What is Christmas? Religion: Christianity Christian concept: Incarnation	Theme: Celebrations Key Question: How do people celebrate? Religions: Hinduism	Theme: Easter Key Question: What is Easter? Religion: Christianity Christian concept: Salvation	Theme: Story Time Key Question: What can we learn from stories? Religions: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism	Theme: Special Places Key Question: What makes places special? Religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism
Substantive Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We all have special friends and that everyone is special for different reasons and that each special friend is different to others' special friends and that this is OK. Christians believe in God and that Jesus is God's son. Jesus is seen as the role model for Christians. Jesus performed miracles. Christians believe God wants people to help everybody, not just their friends and family. Moses received the Ten Commandments from God. Jews use the Ten Commandments as their rules for living. Jews believe they are God's special people so they want to keep God's rules to show they respect Him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians believe Jesus is God's son and that God gave Jesus as a special present to the world. Christians believe God gave His son, Jesus, to the world so He could help people and be an amazing role model to show people how to live good lives. Christians believe Jesus was God in a human body (the incarnation of God). The wise men thought Jesus was a king, not just an ordinary baby so they brought him gold and precious perfumes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Auld Lang Syne' is an extremely old Scottish song that was first written by Robert Burns The 12 animals from the Chinese New Year story are the: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. Chinese New Year is a time when Chinese families in China, the UK and around the world, get together to celebrate. They put up lights outside their homes and clean their houses to sweep out any bad luck from the old year and clear the way for good luck. Many people around the world celebrate the start of Spring as their New Year, often called Nowruz. During Nowruz people jump over fires. Hindus celebrate Holi (festival of colour celebrating the start of Spring), when all rubbish is burnt as a way of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Four Seasons are Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. Spring is seen as the season that welcomes new life, within nature and wildlife. The birth of different animals happens mainly in Spring. Easter is a special time for Christians. Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey and people were very excited to see him because they thought he was going to rescue them from the Romans who had taken over their country. Jesus had a last supper with his friends. Jesus was arrested whilst praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas kissed Jesus in order to get him arrested. Jesus was put on trial and sentenced to death. Jesus was placed on the cross to die. Jesus came back to life and appeared to his disciples. Christians believe that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Crocodile and the Priest is a Sikh story. Sikhs believe people should not think they are better than other people, because everyone is special and important, but be the best person they can be. 'Bilal and the Beautiful Butterfly' is a Muslim story. Muslims believe Allah created beautiful butterflies and lots of other beautiful animals and places. Muslims believe they should praise Allah for the beautiful world He has created. The Gold-Giving Serpent' is an Indian fairy tale teaching us not to be greedy. The Lost Coin is a Christian parable. Christians believe Jesus told this story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians pray and worship God in churches. Weddings and other ceremonies take place in churches. A mosque is used by Muslims to worship and pray to Allah. Muslims take their shoes off when entering a mosque and wash themselves before they praying. Synagogues are special places for Jews, where they worship and pray to God.

			getting rid of the old and starting afresh.	through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered and the relationship between God and humans is restored.	to help people understand that they believe God loves everyone and will be very happy if a person who was doing the wrong thing in their lives, changes their lives.	
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Disciplinary knowledge

Area of Learning	Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understand the World			
ELG (s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening, Attention and Understanding. • Speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Regulation • Managing Self • Building Relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past and Present • People, Culture and Communities 			
Development Matters Children in Reception will be learning to:	Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.	✓	Build constructive and respectful relationships.	✓	Talk about members of their immediate family and community.	✓
	Learn new vocabulary	✓	Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.	✓	Name and describe people who are familiar to them.	✓
	Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them	✓			Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.	✓
	Describe events in some detail.	✓	Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.	✓	Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.	✓
	Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities explain how things work and why they might happen.	✓			Understand that some places are special to members of their community.	✓
	Engage in storytimes.	✓	Think about the perspectives of others.	✓	Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.	✓
	Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.	✓			Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.	✓
	Retell the story once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words.	✓				

<p>Key Vocab</p>	<p>Role models - people who can teach others how to do things, or show us how we should behave and treat others, and keep on trying when things are tricky.</p> <p>Jesus - God's son.</p> <p>The Ten Commandments - rules given by God to Moses for Jews to live their lives by.</p>	<p>Christmas - the time of Jesus' birth.</p> <p>Nativity - another word for Jesus' birth.</p>	<p>Nowruz - the celebration of Spring.</p> <p>Holi - the Hindu festival of of colour celebrating the start of Spring.</p>	<p>Seasons - four different times of the year.</p> <p>Life cycles -show the journey living things take through life.</p>	<p>Parables - stories that teach us something.</p>	<p>Church - a place of worship for Christians.</p> <p>Mosque - a place of worship for Muslims.</p> <p>Synagogue - a place of worship for Jews.</p> <p>Kippah - a skull cap worn by Jews to worship.</p>
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