

Progression in language, vocabulary and key ideas: a summary of a select shortlist of keywords and core concepts. This table shows how learning across the age groups develops and uses the language of religious study and of particular religions in increasing depth and complexity. The selected terminology is a *brief minimum* that might feature in the planning of RE and can contribute to coherent progression. Do your pupils know and use this many religious words at the appropriate age? This approach is informed by OFSTED's interest in ambitious curriculum, rich knowledge and progression in thinking and substantive knowledge.

	Reception Curiosity+ experience	5-7s: Exploring and discovering	7-9s: Knowing and understanding (adding to 4- 7 lists)	9-11s Understanding and connecting	11-14s: Applying, interpreting, appreciating and appraising (adding to KS2 lists)
The general language of religious study	Religion Special books Special places Special stories Prayer	Religion, celebration, festival, symbol, thankful, faith, belief, wise sayings, rules for living, co-operation, belonging, worship, holiness, sacred. creation story.	Religion, spiritual, commitment, values, prayer, pilgrim, pilgrimage, ritual, symbol, community, worship, devotion, belief, life after death, destiny, soul, inspiration, role-model	Religion, harmony, respect, justice, faith, inter- faith, tolerance, moral values, religious plurality, moral codes, holiness, spiritual, inspiration, vision, symbol, community, commitment, values, sources of wisdom, spiritual, Golden Rule, charity, place of worship, sacred text, devotion, prayer, worship, compassion.	Religion, beliefs, teachings, sources of authority, religious expression, ways of living, religious identity, diversity and controversy, psychology, sociology and philosophy of religion, ethics, community cohesion, religious conservatism, liberalism and radicalism.
Christianity	Christmas Easter Bible Church Jesus	Christian, God, Creator, Christmas, Easter, Jesus, church, altar, font, Bible, gospel, Holy Spirit, baptism, Christening	Christian, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest Festival, Messiah, liturgy, church, Gospel, Jesus, Holy Spirit God the Creator, Trinity, Heaven	Christian, Jesus, Bible, Creation and Fall, Gospel, Letters of Saint Paul, Trinity, Incarnation, Holy Spirit, resurrection, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Eucharist, agape, advent, disciple,	Biblical authority and inspiration, intelligent design, theology, Christian ethics, 'Just war', sanctity of life, 'green Christianity', Catholic, Protestant, Anglican, Free Church, ecumenism, creed, liturgy, reconciliation, Virgin Birth, prophecy.
Judaism	Moses Passover Torah Synagogue Star of David	Jewish, synagogue, Torah, bimah, Hanukkah, Ark, Judaism, shabbat, Joseph.	Jewish, Judaism, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Exodus, Law-giver, Ten Commandments, Passover / Pesach, Day of Atonement.	Judaism, Jewish, Torah, Shabbat, Pesach, Hanukkah, Ten Commandments, persecution, prejudice, Beth Shalom, remembrance, patriarch, Jacob, Ruth, King David, King Solomon, Esther, Purim, Prophet, Isaiah, Daniel.	Tenakh, Mishnah, midrash, Havdalah, Chuppah, Kabbalah, Messiah, Noachide Laws, Yom Hashoah, Yom Kippur, Zionism, liberal, reform, Orthodox, Shema, shofar, shul.
Islam	Allah, Prophet Muhammad, Qur'an, Mosque	Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Eid, Qur'an, moon and star.	Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Qur'an, moon and star, paradise.	Muslim, Allah, Prophethood, Ummah, 5 Pillars, Prophet Muhammad, Iman (faith), akhlaq (character or moral conduct) Qur'an, Hadith, Sunnah, Mosque, Hajj, al-fatihah, adhan,	Last Prophet, Revelation, Shahadah, Sawm, Zakat, Ramadan, Hajj, submission to Allah, Sunni, Shi'a, Sufi, 99 Beautiful Names, Bismillah, Hijrah, Hafiz, Ihram, Shirk, Sunnah, surah, tawhid
Hindu Dharma	Hindu, mandir, divali, Aum	Murtis, gods and goddesses, puja, home shrine, devotion. Ganesha	Hindu dharma, Sanatan Dharma, Rama, Sita, Hanuman, holi, Raksha bandhan	Ahimsa, karma, dharma, Brahman, mandir, trimurti, gods such as Brahma, Shiva, Vishnu, goddesses such as Durga, Ambaji, Shakti reincarnation, aarti, devotee,	Bhagavad Gita, atman, karma, dharma, moksha, ashram, ahimsa, yoga, Mahabharata, mandala, maya, varna, jati.
Sikhi	Sikh, Guru Nanak, Gurdwara, Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhi, Langar, 10 Gurus, Vaisakhi,	The 5 Ks, the Khalsa, Kaur and Singh, Guru Govind Singh, Panj Piara	Waheguru, Harimandir Sahib, Amrit, Panj Kakke, Kirpan, Kacchera, Kanga, Kara, Kesh Khanda, Sangat, Karah Prasad.	Nam Simran, Vand Chakna, Sewa, Gurmukh, Hukam, Haumai, Ik Onkar, Rehat Maryada, Mul Mantar, Amritdhari.
Buddhism	Buddha, shrine, temple (vihara)	Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, Wesak, Siddhartha Gautama,	Meditation, Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, the Four Sights, Enlightenment	Meditation, Kathina, The Four Noble Truths, Boddhisatva	Enlightenment, Dukkha, Karuna, Noble Eightfold Path, Nirvana, Mahayana, Theravada, Vajrayana, Zen, Triratna.
Non- religious worldviews	Non-religious	Humanist, Golden Rule, non-religious, worldview.	Humanist, Golden Rule, non- religious, spiritual but not religious, atheist, ethics	Atheist, agnostic, Humanist, rationalist, Golden Rule, 'spiritual but not religious', secular, rationalist.	Varieties of atheism, 'new atheists', skepticism, ethical autonomy, situation ethics, secular, secularist, pluralist atheists, anti-theists.

This suggested concept development plan for RE is a very basic tool; using the key words specified here might follow a plan where 3 religions are studied 5-7 and 4 each in KS2 and 3. Teachers do not have to teach all these words for all these religions. The lists are cumulative – begin on the left and move right. The key question here is not 'do the pupils know the words?' but 'Can the pupils use the language and ideas of religions and religious study to explain their understanding?'