

Years 3 to 6

Ashley Junior School

Ashley Junior School RE Curriculum (updated June 2022)

Intent

At Ashley Junior School we believe that Religious Education should make a significant contribution to children's personal development. It supports children in developing respect for the beliefs, practices and values of others, as well as their own personal spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Through the teaching of RE, we aim to provide children with a wide range of encounters with religion, in the form of stories, artefacts, places of worship, rituals and beliefs. These encounters will help children form a view of the world that they can apply to their own experiences.

The purpose statement from the Hampshire County Council agreed syllabus Living Difference IV reads:

"Religious education in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton intends to play an educational part in the lives of children and young people as they come to speak, think and act in the world."

This entails teachers bringing children and young people first to attend to their own experience and that of others, to engage intellectually with material that is new and to discern with others what is valuable with regard to living a religious life or one informed by a non-religious or other perspective."

It is our intent that all children receiving Religious Education at Ashley Junior School will:

- Understand the nature of Christian beliefs and practises, as well as the beliefs and practises of other world faiths.
- Understand and reflect upon the special importance of certain people, objects, places, occasions, clothing and symbols to different religions.
- Develop an open mind to new and different concepts and be able to form their own opinions concerning religious beliefs, based on evidence and argument.
- Develop an understanding of the value of living in a multi-cultural and multi-faith society.
- Develop an awareness of spirituality and the meaning of life, including concepts that are common to themselves and religions.
- Expand their awareness and understanding of themselves, other people and the world around them.
- Be able to ask questions, express themselves freely and develop their capacity for reflection.
- Extend their thinking skills, creativity, imagination and emotional well-being.
- Develop a caring, respectful and sensitive attitude towards the beliefs and opinions of others.

Implementation

In line with the statutory requirements, all pupils at Ashley Junior School follow the Hampshire County Council agreed syllabus for Religious Education: Living Difference IV. To ensure sufficient time to deliver the syllabus material, the guidance recommends a minimum of 45-hours teaching time allocated to RE each academic year. At Ashley Junior School, an RE unit is taught in each year group every half term, meaning that there are six units of study for each year group over the course of the year. All Medium-Term-Plans are affiliated with the Living Difference IV syllabus. A flexible approach has been adopted to the way RE is incorporated within our curriculum, using a combination of different models of delivery depending on the nature of the area of enquiry. Some units are taught through weekly lessons, whereas others are 'blocked', to enable sufficient time to teach the full cycle of enquiry. Where possible, the RE curriculum is enriched by visits and visitors, drawing from a range of local religious communities.

Living Difference IV states that during Key Stage 2, children are required to study Christianity and at least two other religions. At Ashley Junior School, the focus in Year 3 and 4 is Christianity and Judaism, with Christianity and Islam the focus in Years 5 & 6. Children also study beliefs and practices from several other religions across KS2 (Buddhism and Hinduism) as well as a non-religious world view (Humanism) in UKS2. Our curriculum is designed to help children develop a broad and balanced knowledge and understanding of a range of world faiths (Abrahamic and Dharmic religions) and other (including non-religious) ideas about the world. It also ensured that children study certain religions in greater depth, in order to consolidate and extend their subject knowledge. Units of study have been selected so that the material encountered and studied by children is well-sequenced, connected and revisited over time. The themes and concepts within the units covered reflect a progression in difficulty and complexity from Year 3 -6. Planning clearly identifies the knowledge to be taught for each unit and Learning Journeys include a list of key vocabulary specific to each topic being studied.

The schemes of work for RE follow the *Living Difference IV* methodology of delivery through the study of 'key concepts', with cross-curricular links made wherever appropriate. *Living Difference IV* identifies three types of concepts which are to be studied during KS2:

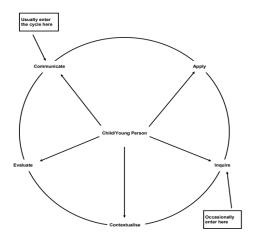
□ concepts common to all people (A concepts)
☐ concepts shared by many religions (B concepts)
☐ concepts distinctive to particular religions (C concepts)

Children have an opportunity to engage with all three types of concepts during their time at Ashley Junior School. Progression through these concepts can be seen in the whole-school overview: LKS2 focus on 'A' and 'B' concepts, with the more difficult 'C' concepts being introduced and explored during UKS2.

The Living Difference IV syllabus also identifies four 'A' concepts / words that will thread through the whole curriculum to enable continuity across key stages. These **Golden Thread** concepts - Community, Belonging, Love and Special – have been woven into the Ashely Junior School RE curriculum and are studied at least twice over the key stage. As the children get older, progression is ensured by exploring the nuances of these **Golden Thread** concepts (for example, 'Community' is studied as 'Umma' in year 5 and 'Love' as 'Agape' in Year 6). Key concepts, including the **Golden Threads**, are identified clearly on the Whole-School Overview as well as in the Learning Journeys for each unit of study, where they can be continually referred to and reflected upon.

Term:	Year 3 units of study (Key concept)	Religion:	Concept type / Golden Concept
Autumn 1	Belonging	Judaism	A BELONGING
Autumn 2	Angels	Christianity	B SPECIAL
Spring 1	Identity	Judaism	A
Spring 2	Love - Changing Emotions	Christianity	A LOVE
Summer 1	Stones as symbols	Christianity	A
Summer 2	Sacred (places of worship)	Christianity & Buddhism	B SPECIAL
	Year 4 units of study:		
Autumn 1	Devotion	Christianity & Hinduism	B LOVE
Autumn 2	Holy	Christianity	B SPECIAL
Spring 1	Ritual	Judaism	В
Spring 2	Freedom	Judaism	A
Summer 1	Trees	Various religions	A
Summer 2	Neighbour	Christianity	A COMMUNITY
	Year 5 units of study:		
Autumn 1	Ceremony	Christianity (and other religions)	В
Autumn 2	Warning	Christianity	A
Spring 1	Belonging	Islam	A BELONGING
Spring 2	Resurrection	Christianity	С
Summer 1	Wisdom	Christianity & Islam	A
Summer 2	Umma	Islam	C COMMUNITY
	Year 6 units of study:		
Autumn 1	Peace	Islam	A
Autumn 2	Incarnation	Christianity	C SPECIAL
Spring 1	Khalifah (Stewardship)	Islam	С
Spring 2	Salvation	Christianity	С
Summer 1	A Good Life	Humanism	С
Summer 2	Agape	Christianity	C LOVE

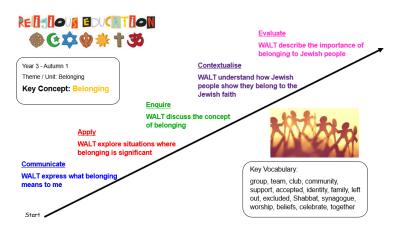
Every unit incorporates a strong process of learning based on the Hampshire enquiry-based approach to RE:



This approach to enquiry has five key steps where the teacher brings the child:

- ☐ at the **Communicate** and **Apply** steps to attend to their own and others' experience
- ☐ at the **Enquire** and **Contextualise** steps to engage intellectually
- □ at the **Evaluate** step to discern value for others and themselves in a way dependent on the context of the enquiry.

These five key steps are clearly displayed on the Learning Journeys for each unit of study and link directly to the WALT statements. Learning Journeys are stuck into Topic Books, where they can be referred to throughout each unit of study. This means that children are aware of which key step they are working on at any given time, as well as understanding where the learning will take them next.



RE learning is recorded in an 'RE' book and is evidenced using a variety of outcomes. As well as written responses, children have the opportunity to engage in paired and group work, class discussions / debates, drama, poetry, art, outdoor learning and music. Tasks are differentiated where appropriate to ensure that all children are able to enjoy success in RE.

Impact

Progress and attainment in RE will be regularly monitored at Ashely Junior School. Teachers will use formative assessments to check for misunderstandings, misconceptions or gaps in how the children are broadening and deepening their understanding of different concepts, traditions and practices. These will be identified and rectified as part of the teaching process for each unit of study. Summative assessments will also be used across cycles of enquiries, with clear age-related expectations about what children should know and achieve set out in *Living Difference IV*.

In accordance with the statutory guidance, it is our aim that all children who access the RE curriculum at Ashely Junior School will achieve the following End of Year Expectations:

By the end of Year 4

In an age-appropriate way, through a well-made lower KS2 curriculum that is taught well, by the end of Year 3 and Year 4 children will have encountered, studied and had the opportunity to discern value in relation to *four golden thread* concepts/words of *community*, *belonging*, *special*, *love*, as well as other A concepts/words and some B concepts/words, chosen by the teacher and children themselves (pondering time).

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At Communicate	express creatively as well as describe their response to their own experiences of the concepts/words introduced.		
At Apply	recognise and describe how their responses relate to events in their own and sometimes other people's lives.		
At Inquire and Contextualise	accurately describe what has been taught about the meanings of concepts/words (taught at the Inquire step).		
	accurately describe some variations in ways in which the concept/word is shown in lives of people encountered and studied (taught at the Contextualise step).		
At Evaluate	discern and describe the value of these concepts/words in the lives of those living in the traditions encountered and studied as well as recognising some of the issues this might raise.		
	discern possible value for their own lives and communities (not only assessed through summative assessment).		

In an age-appropriate way, through a well-made upper KS2 curriculum that is taught well, through

By the end of Year 6

At Communicate

At Apply

At Inquire and

Contextualise

At Evaluate

Year 5 and by the end of Year 6 children will have encountered, studied and had the opportunity to

discern value in relation to each of the four golden thread concepts/words of community, belonging, special, love, other A and B concepts/words and also some C concepts/words, chosen by the teacher

and children themselves (pondering time).

Consequently, children can

respond creatively as well as begin to explain their response to their own experiences of the concepts/words introduced.

explain some examples of how their responses relate to events in their own and other people's lives.

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... accurately explain meanings of concepts/words in the traditions

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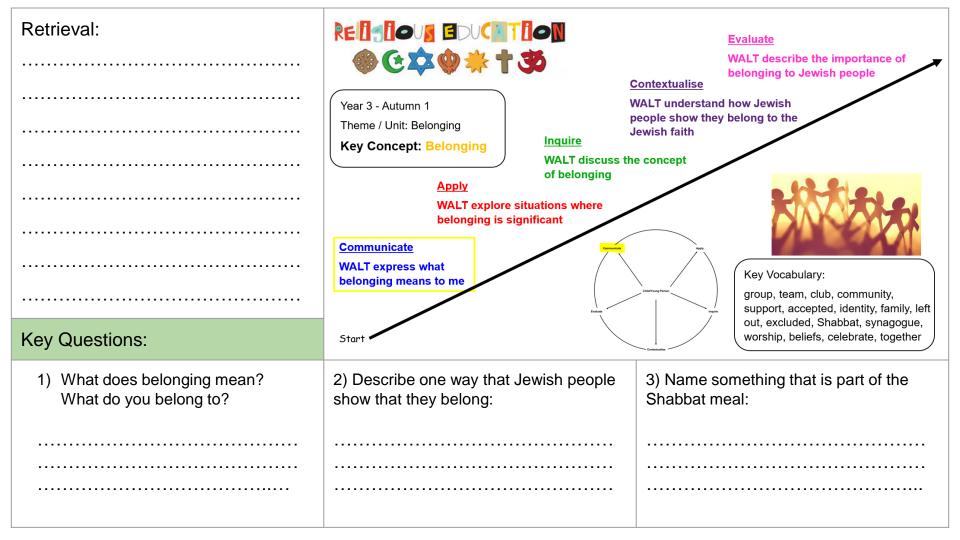
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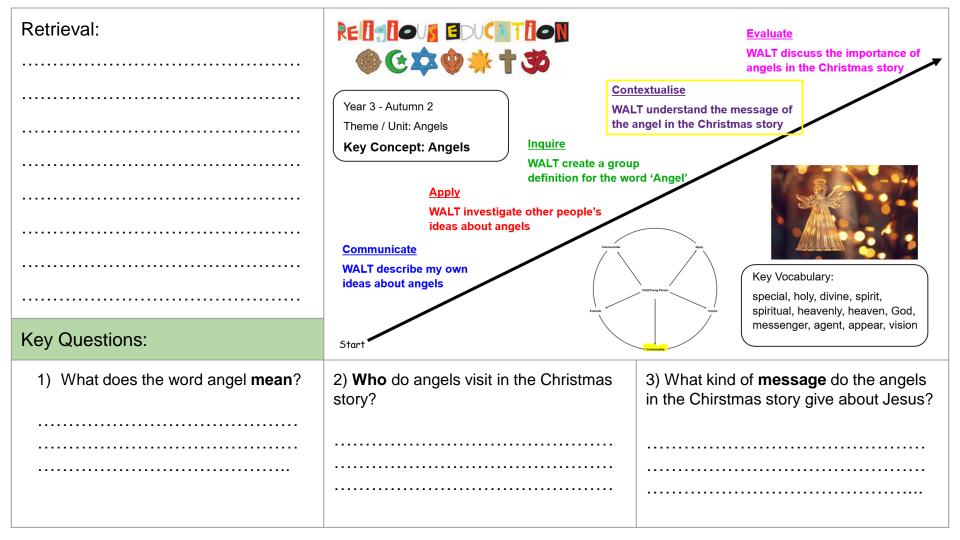
... accurately explain the way the concepts/words in the traditions encountered and studied impact the lives of those in the traditions with

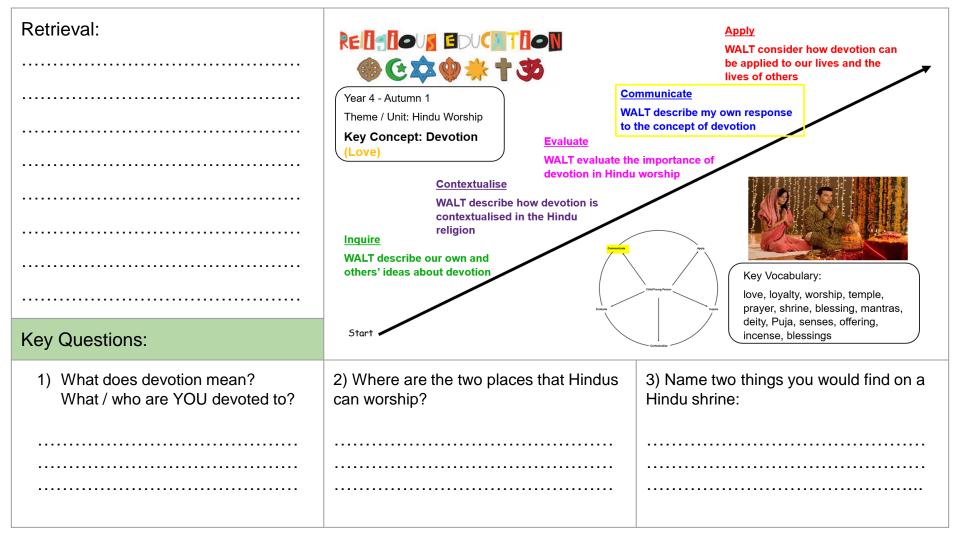
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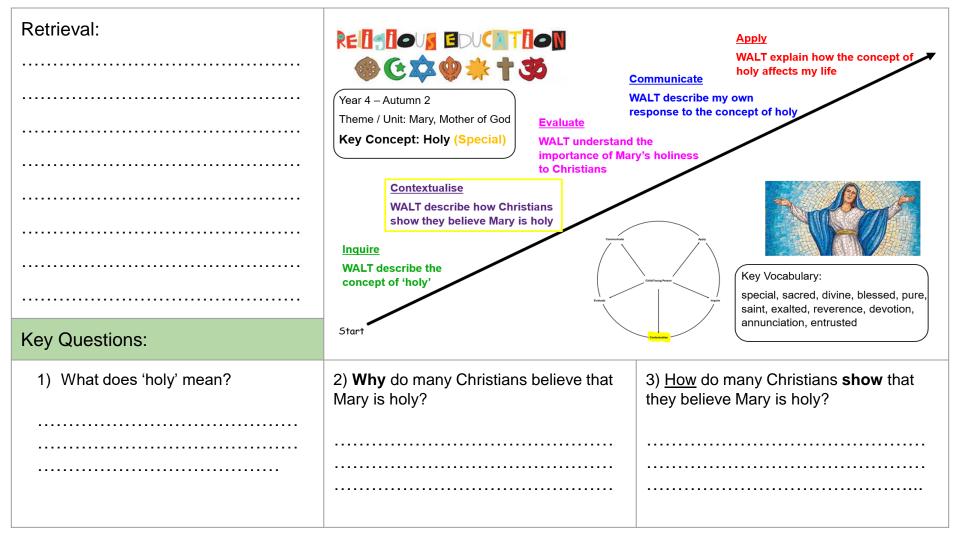
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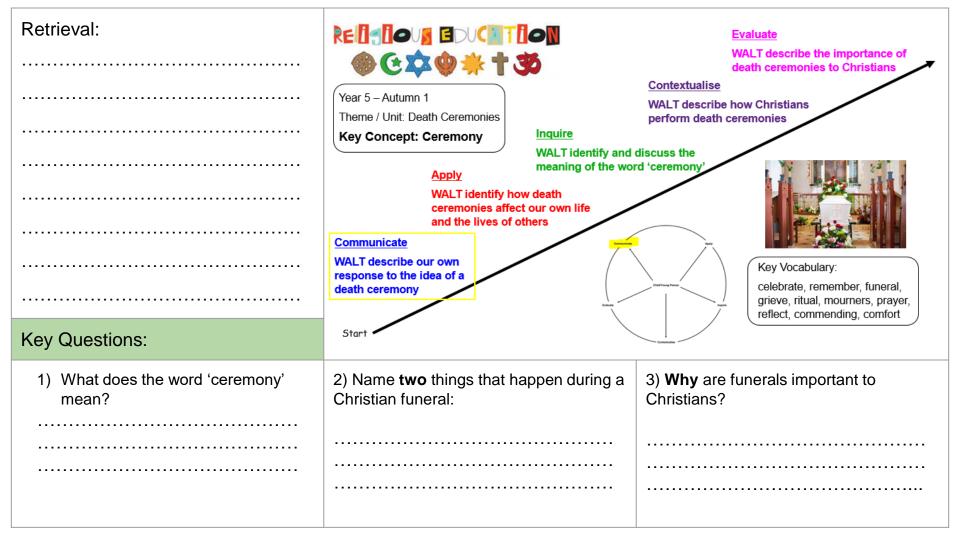
Ashley Junior School also recognises the impact that high-quality RE teaching and learning has upon pupils by encouraging them to be spiritually, morally, culturally and socially aware of others. Our RE curriculum has been designed to ensure that learning builds each year so that children will make links and schemas around religions and others beliefs. Child-friendly 'Learning Journeys' for each unit will enable children to understand the stages of the learning process. The wide range of learning strategies used in RE lessons will support the development of our Ashley Learning Powers; thinking, reflection and collaboration in particular, as well as speaking and listening. Through the teaching of RE, children will become more confident in expressing themselves and will learn how to listen and respond to the ideas of others. They will become tolerant to others and accepting of people's differences. They will learn to challenge what they see around them by enquiring into and evaluating a wide range of concepts, ideas and practices. Every child will be able to access and achieve in RE because the work will be scaffolded appropriately and different cross curricular activities will be provided, allowing for all children's strengths to be shown.

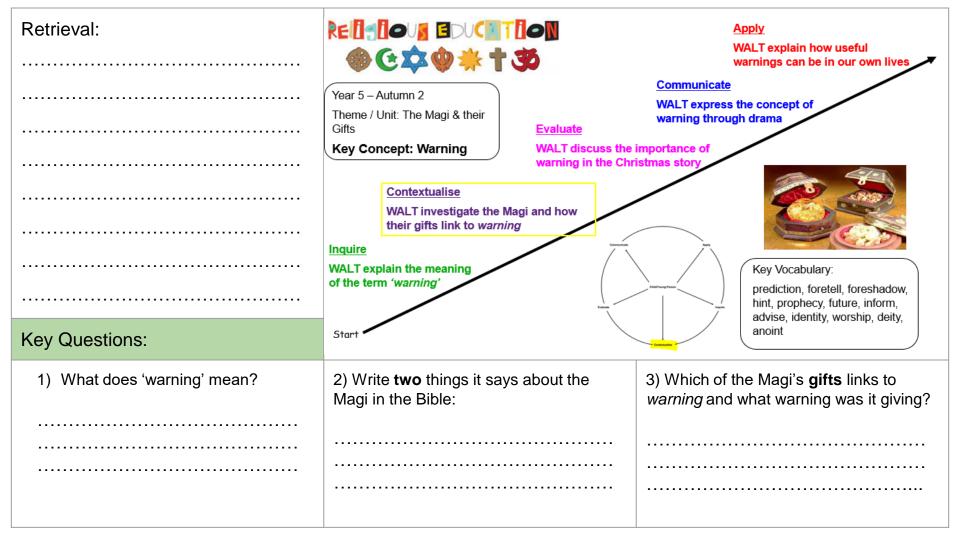


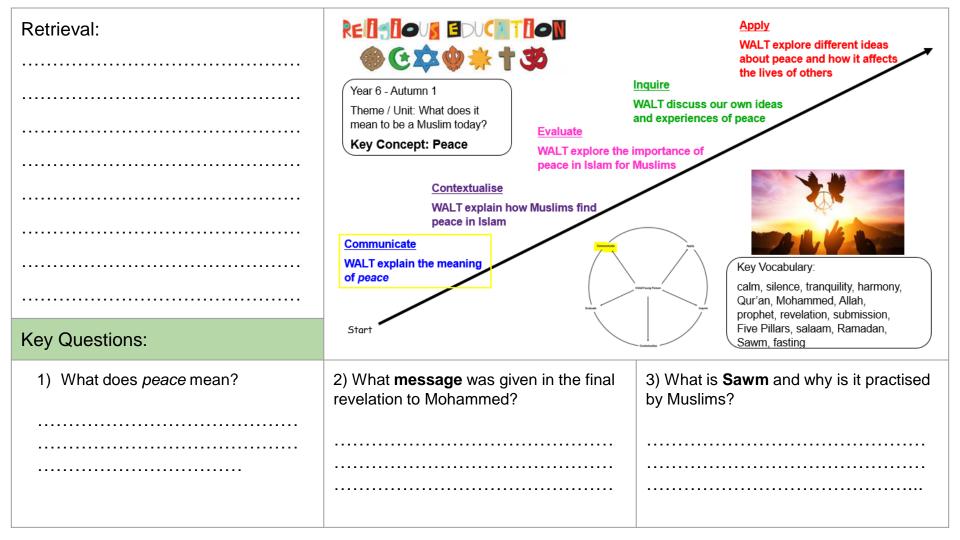


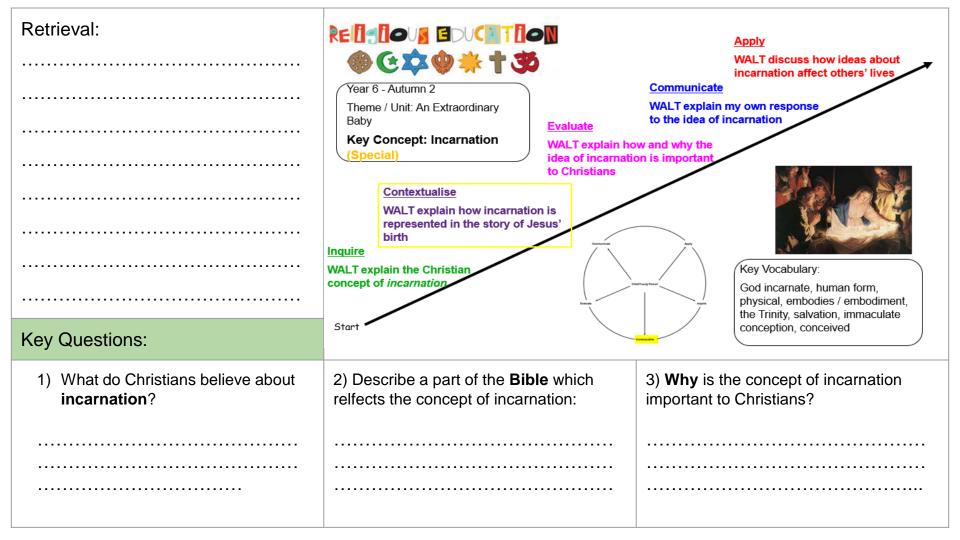


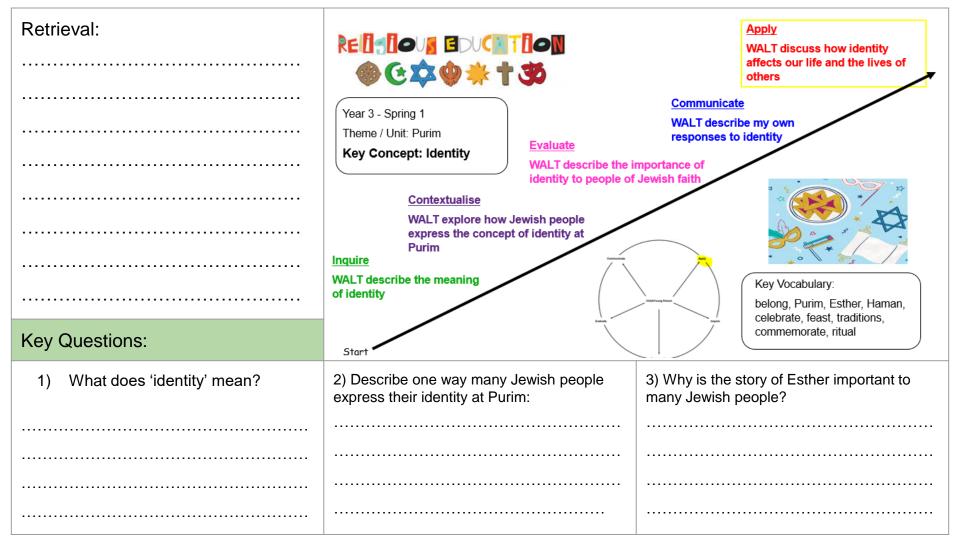


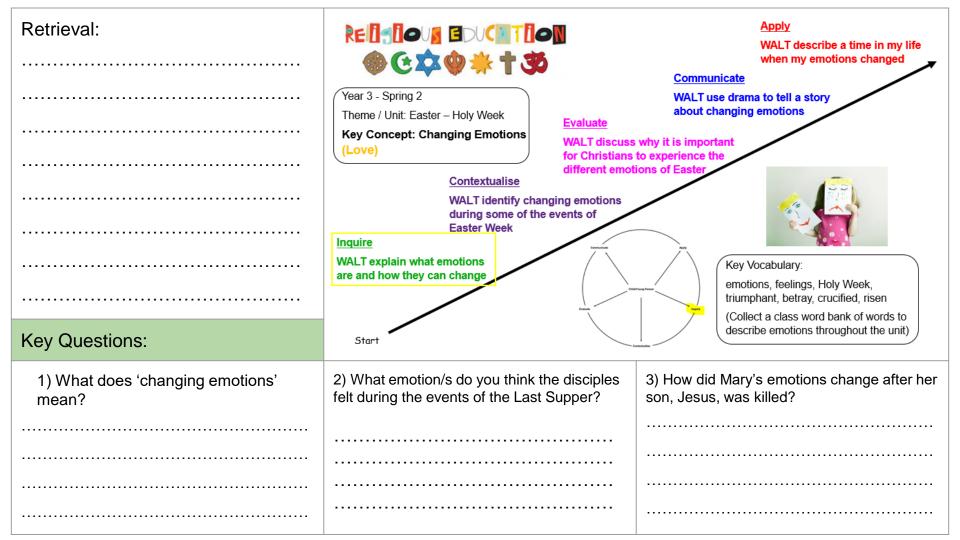


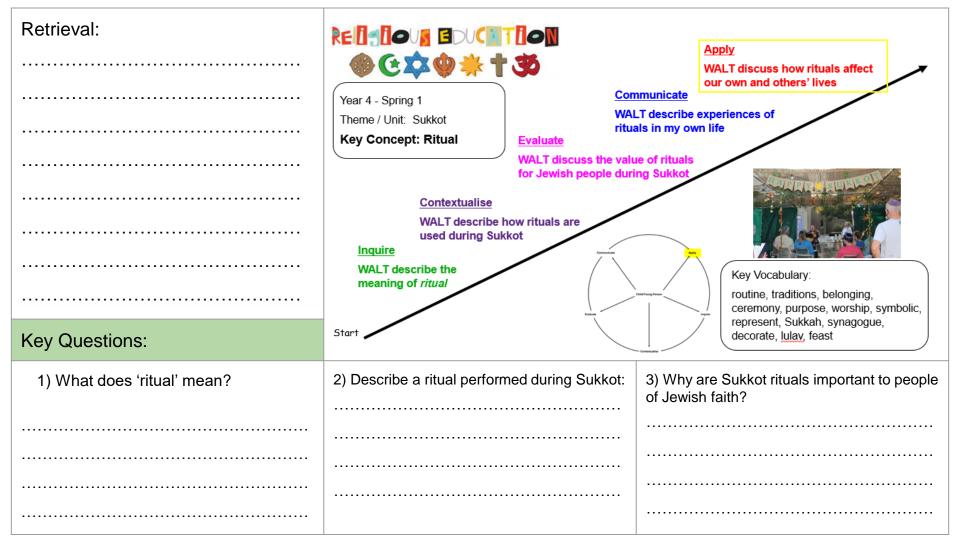


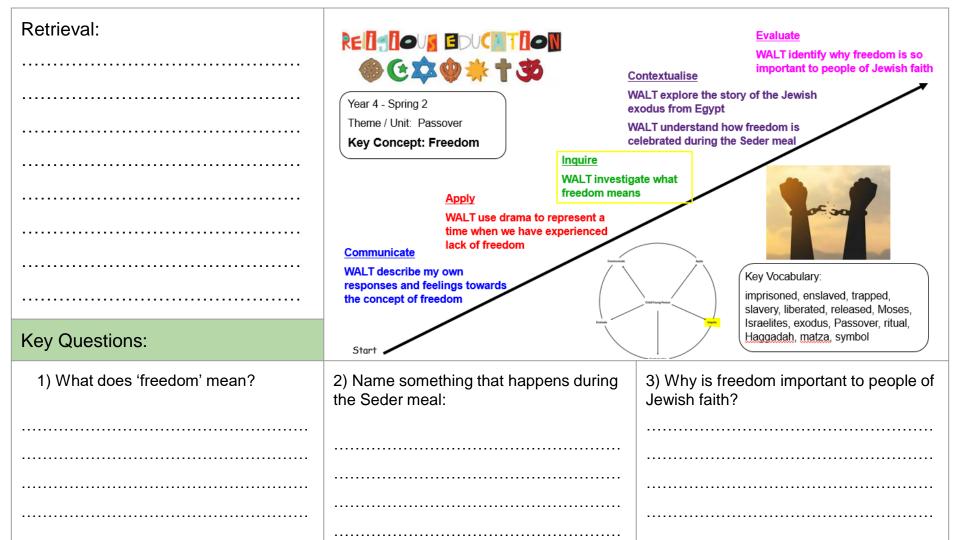


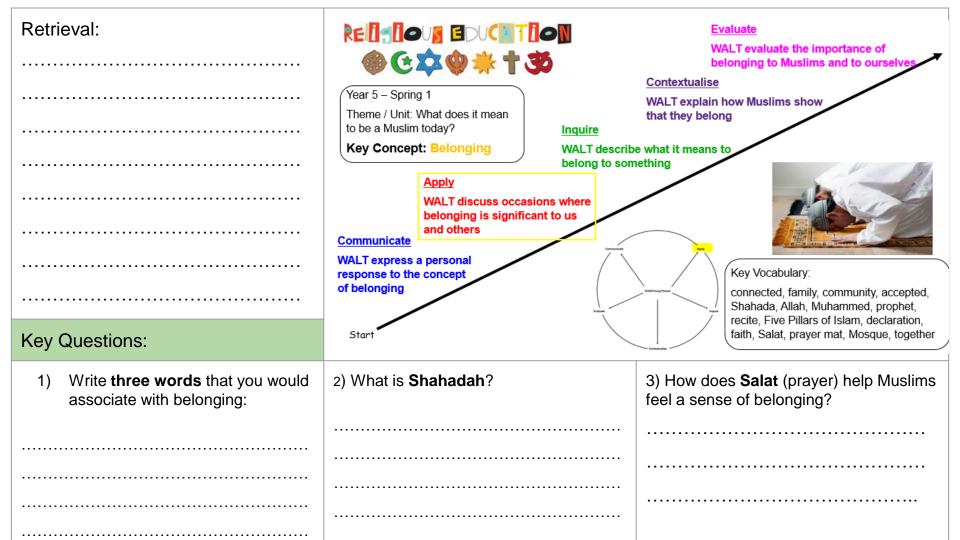


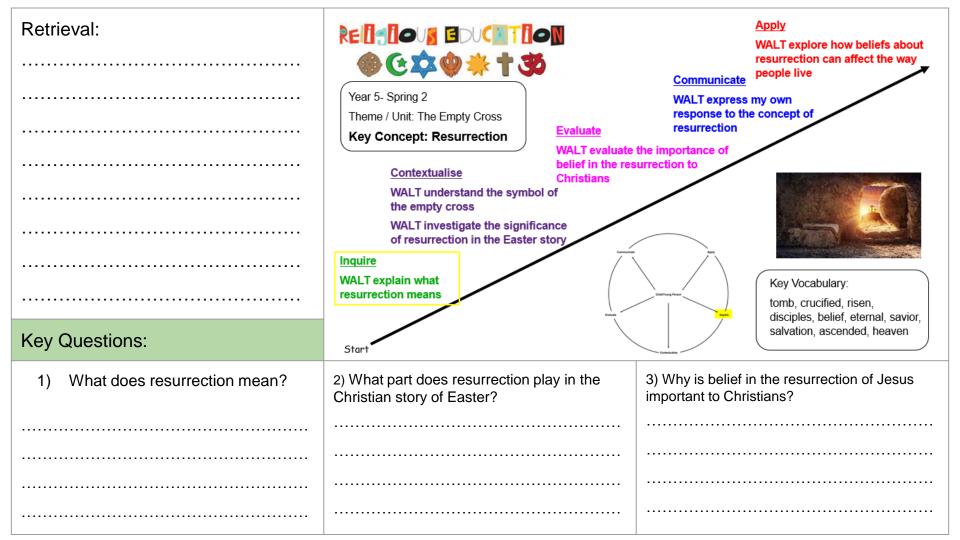


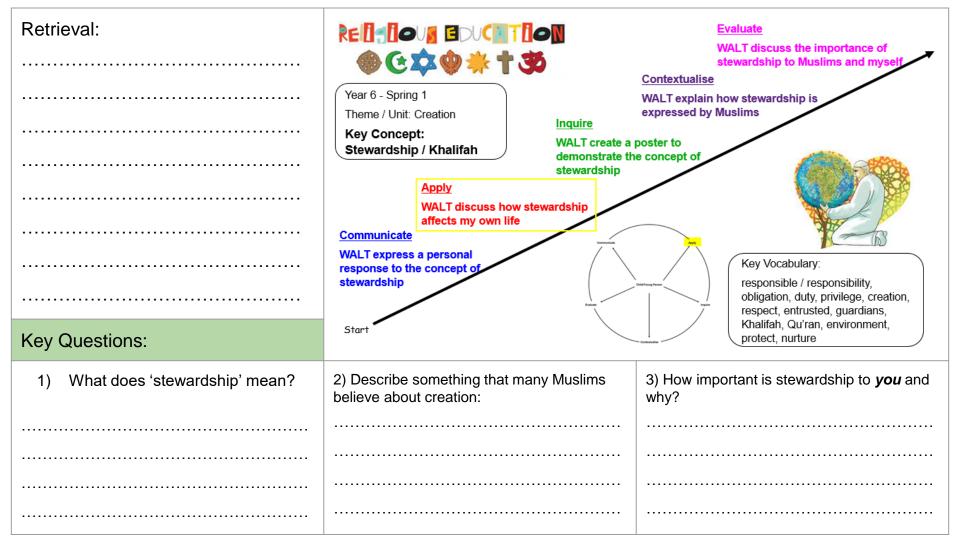


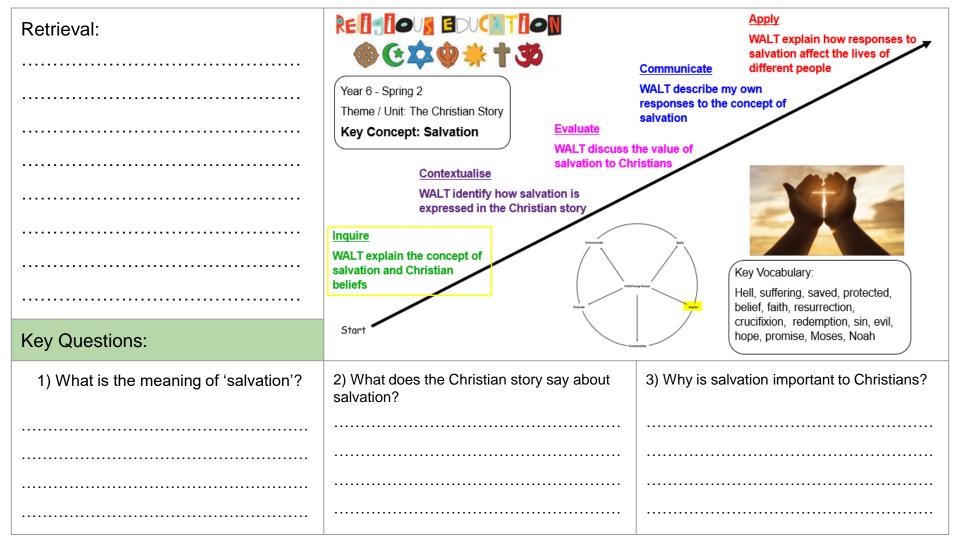


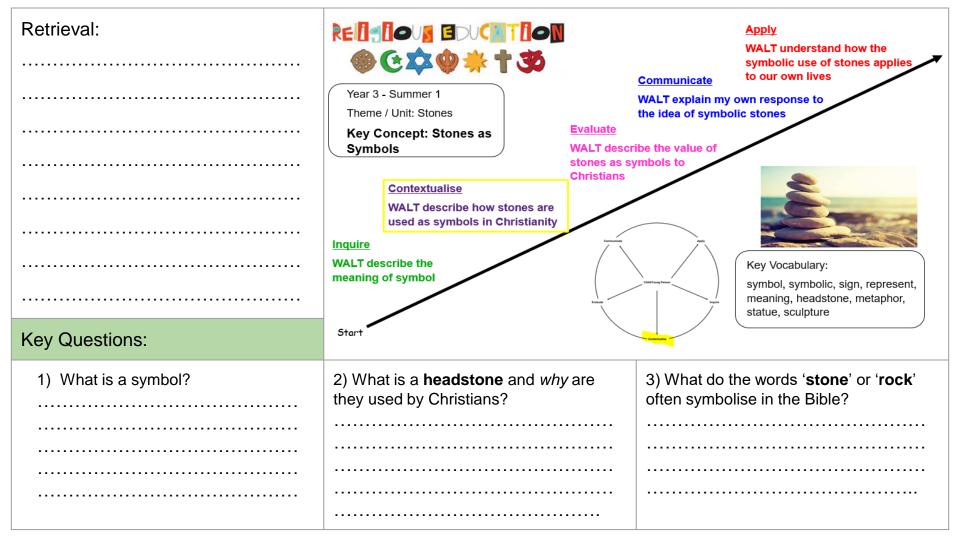


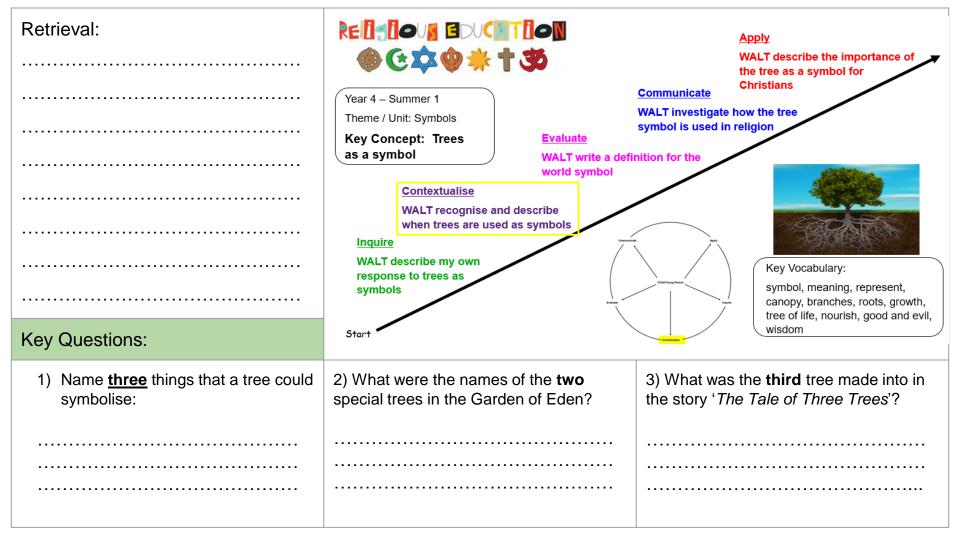


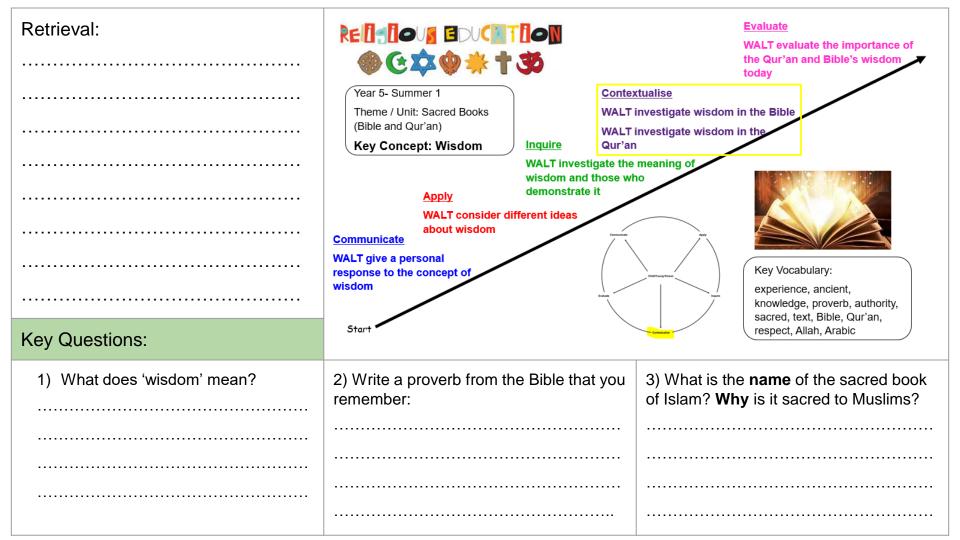












Retrieval:	Year 6 - Summer 1	
Key Questions:	WALT give examples of how ideas about living a good life apply to our lives and the lives of others Communicate WALT explain our own response to the idea of living a good life Start	Key Vocabulary: Humanism, Humanist, Golden Rule, moral, immoral, ethical
1) What do you think it means to live 'a good life'?	2) What is 'The Golden Rule' many Humanists follow?	3 Which of the <i>other</i> Humanist rules do you think is the most important, and <i>why</i> ?

