

Primary RE Vocabulary (EYFS to Year 6)

EYFS

Word	Definition
God	A special being that many people believe made the world.
Church	A place where Christians go to pray and worship.
Bible	A holy book for Christians that tells stories about God.
Prayer	Talking to God or saying thank you to God.
Love	A strong feeling of care for others.
Kindness	Being friendly and helpful to others.
Creation	The making of the world by God.
Jesus	A special person in the Bible who taught about love and kindness.
Family	People who care for and look after each other.
Celebrate	To do something special for a happy time or festival.
Festival	A special time to remember or celebrate something important.
Cross	A Christian symbol that reminds people of Jesus.
Care	Looking after others and helping them.
Share	Giving part of what you have to others.
Light	Something bright; often used to show goodness or God's presence.

Year 1

Word	Definition
Worship	Showing love and respect to God through songs, prayers, or actions.
Prayer	Talking to God, often to thank or ask for help.
Vicar	A leader who helps people worship in a church.
Synagogue	A place where Jewish people worship and pray.
Torah	A special book for Jewish people that teaches about God's laws.
Faith	Believing and trusting in God or something special.
Bible	The Christian holy book that teaches about God and Jesus.
Respect	Treating others kindly and valuing their beliefs.
Celebration	A happy time when people come together for something special.
Easter	A Christian festival celebrating Jesus coming back to life.
Christmas	A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus.
Community	A group of people who live or worship together.
Mosque	A place where Muslims go to pray.
Allah	The Arabic word for God used by Muslims.
Candle	A stick of wax that gives light, used in many religious festivals.

Year 2

Word	Definition
Symbol	A picture or object that stands for something special.
Parable	A simple story Jesus told to teach a lesson.
Bible Stories	Stories in the Bible that teach about God and people.
Commandments	Important rules given by God in the Bible.
Cross	A symbol of Jesus and Christianity.
Faith	Trust and belief in God or something spiritual.
Temple	A place where Hindus or Buddhists go to worship.
Guru	A teacher or guide in Hinduism or Sikhism.
Karma	A belief that good actions bring good results.
Peace	A calm and kind feeling between people.
Respect	Treating people kindly and fairly.
Sharing	Giving and taking fairly with others.
Helping	Doing something kind for someone else.
Holy	Something very special or connected to God.
Festival	A time to celebrate an important religious event.

Year 3

Word	Definition
Pilgrimage	A journey to a holy place for religious reasons.
Sikhism	A religion that teaches equality and helping others.
Guru Granth Sahib	The holy book of Sikhism.
Langar	A free meal shared by everyone in a Sikh temple.
Islam	A religion that teaches about Allah and the Prophet Muhammad.
Qur'an	The holy book of Islam.
Prophet	A person chosen by God to deliver messages.
Christianity	A religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus.
Disciples	The friends and followers of Jesus.
Forgiveness	Letting go of anger and not blaming others.
Compassion	Caring and helping people who are in need.
Belief	Something that people think is true or important.
Ritual	An action done in a special way for religious reasons.
Service	Helping others as a way of showing faith.
Equality	The idea that everyone should be treated fairly.

Year 4

Word	Definition
Judaism	A religion that follows the teachings of the Torah.
Sabbath	A special day of rest and worship for Jewish people.
Ten Commandments	The ten rules God gave to Moses.
Prophet Muhammad	The last prophet in Islam who taught about Allah.
Hinduism	A religion with many gods and a belief in karma and reincarnation.
Reincarnation	The belief that after death, people live again in a new body.
Meditation	Quiet thinking to help focus or pray.
Worship	Showing love and respect to God or gods.
Belonging	Feeling part of a group or faith community.
Faith	Trust in God or a higher power.
Responsibility	Doing what is right and caring for others.
Respect	Valuing others and their beliefs.
Dharma	A Hindu idea about doing what is right.
Gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship.
Commandment	A rule given by God to help people live well.

Year 5

Word	Definition
Buddhism	A religion that teaches peace and kindness through the Buddha's teachings.
Enlightenment	Understanding the truth and finding peace in Buddhism.
Nirvana	A perfect state of peace in Buddhism.
Suffering	Pain or sadness that everyone experiences.
Compassion	Showing kindness and understanding to others.
Justice	Fairness and doing what is right.
Stewardship	Looking after the world because it belongs to God.
Creation	The belief that God made the world and everything in it.
Atonement	Making up for something wrong you've done.
Faith	Believing strongly in God or spiritual truth.
Prayer	Speaking or listening to God.
Sacred	Something very special and holy.
Responsibility	Being trusted to do the right thing.
Equality	Everyone being treated fairly and kindly.
Peace	A calm feeling and living without fighting.

Year 6

Word	Definition
Humanism	A belief in living a good life without following a religion.
Morality	Knowing what is right and wrong.
Ethics	Ideas about good and bad behaviour.
Salvation	Being saved from sin or wrong by God.
Incarnation	The belief that Jesus is God in human form.
Resurrection	The belief that Jesus rose from the dead.
Faith	Trust in God even when things are difficult.
Pilgrimage	A journey to a special holy place.
Diversity	The variety of different beliefs and people in the world.
Tolerance	Respecting people's beliefs and opinions.
Empathy	Understanding how someone else feels.
Reconciliation	Making peace after a disagreement or hurt.
Charity	Helping those in need through giving or action.
Commitment	Being dedicated to your beliefs or promises.
Spirituality	A sense of connection to something greater than ourselves.