

Vocabulary Progression: Religious Education

The following represents the core vocabulary introduced in each year group but is not an exhaustive list and subject specific vocabulary will be introduced in-line with subject areas.

The following vocabulary is introduced in Reception	
belonging	when you belong in a place or situation
Christmas	the Christian celebration of Jesus's birth
Community	a place and it's people
Easter	the Christian celebration of Jesus's death
faith	a strong belief
love	a person or thing that you love
special	better, greater or different
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 1	
Allah	the name of God among Muslims
Christianity	the religion based on Jesus Christ.
church	a Christian place of worship.
Eid	a religious festival celebrated by Muslims at the end of Ramadan.
God	the Christian creator.
Islam	a religion based around the Qu'ran
Jesus	a religious leader in Christianity.
Mosque	a place of worship for Muslims.
Muslim	a person who follows the teachings of Islam.
Qu'ran	the Islamic Holy Book.
Ramadan	the ninth month of the Islamic calendar; a month of fasting
sacred	special
worship	an act of religious devotion
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 2	
advent	the period in the church calendar before Jesus was born
Easter Sunday	the day of Holy Week where Jesus was resurrected

faith the religious beliefs a person holds

Good Friday the day of Holy Week when Jesus was crucified the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

Lent forty days before Easter

Maundy Thursday the day of the Last Supper nativity the birth of Jesus Christ

Palm Sunday the day of Holy Week when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem.

parable a story from the Bible. Qu'ran the Islamic Holy Book.

sacred Special

The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 3 & 4

Abraham a patriarch and prophet who appears in multiple religions

concept an idea

Divali the Hindu celebration and festival

Eucharist the Christian service remembering the Last Supper an event celebrated by a (religious) community

humility being modest

influence having an effect on someone's character or beliefs

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) the founder of the world religion of Islam

reflection a serious thought or consideration

service giving something back to your community

The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 5 & 6

Allah the common Arabic word for God.

Ahmisa an Ancient Indian principle of non-violence the five duties expected of every Muslim.

Hajj the commitment to pilgrimage to Mecca.

humanist People who shape their lives in the here and now

Pentecost the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday. Sawm the process of fasting in Islam.

Sallah

Shahadah

the practice of five daily prayer in Islam.

the belief in Muhammad as only one God.

trinity

the father, the son and the Holy Spirit.

the Islamic belief in supporting charity.