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EYFS	EYFS 1 Why are we all different and special? **Progressive Study:** Christianity **Encounter:** Non-religious World Views (Importance of names) EYFS 2 Why do Christians say thank you to God at Harvest time? **Progressive Study**: Christianity **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (not everyone holds the belief that we should say thank you to God at harvest time) EYFS 3 How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday **Progressive Study**: Christianity **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (Many people celebrate Christmas because it is traditional and part of British culture)		EYFS 4 Which stories did Jesus hear when he was a child? **Progressive Study**: Christianity **Encounter**: Judaism (The Old Testament, Jesus was Jewish) EYFS 5 Why did Jesus tell stories? **Progressive Study**: Christianity (Jesus' parables) EYFS 6 Why do Christians believe that Easter is all about love? **Progressive Study**: Christianity **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (Eggs at Easter is a tradition and part of British culture)		EYFS 9 Where do some people go to worship God? **Progressive Study:** Christianity **Encounter**: Hindu Dharma, Islam	EYFS 10 How do some people of faith talk to God? **Progressive Study**: Christianity **Encounter**: Islam, Judaism (How and when people of other faiths pray. Is it the same for all faiths? Why not?)

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1	1.1 Why is saying thank you so important? **Progressive Study**: Christianity (Christian Harvest Festivals) **Encounter**: Judaism (Festival of Sukkot), Hindu Dharma (Festival of Pongal) 1.2 What do people believe about how the world began? **Progressive Study**: Christianity (God's Big Story), Hindu Dharma (Hinduism Stories of Creation), Islam (Muslim Stories of Creation) 1.3 Why do many people give and receive gifts at Christmas? **Progressive Study**: Christianity (Jesus was a gift from God) **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (Gift giving is a tradition and part of British culture)		1.4 What made Jesus special? **Progressive Study:** Christianity (Jesus the human and divine/miracle worker)	1.5 Why do Christians believe Easter is a new beginning? **Progressive Study:** Christianity (Key elements of the Easter Story and new beginnings) **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (Eggs at Easter is a tradition and part of British culture)	1.7 How do families welcome new babies? **Progressive Study:** Christianity (Baptism), Islam (A baby's first… Islamic tradition) **Encounter:** Humanism (How people of no faith celebrate new babies)	
2	2.1 Why are sacred texts so important to people of faith? **Progressive Study:** Christianity (The Bible), Islam (The Qur'an) **Encounter**: Judaism (The Torah) 2.2 Why was the birth of Jesus such good news? **Progressive Study**: Christianity **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (Christmas has become a traditional celebration embedded in British culture)		2.3 Why did Jesus welcome everyone? **Progressive Study:** Christianity	2.4 How do symbols help us to understand the Easter story? **Progressive Study:** Christianity **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (gifts and chocolate eggs at Easter because it is a tradition and part of British culture)	2.5 Why is the church a special place for Christians? **Progressive Study**: Christianity (the church) , Hindu Dharma (the home shrine and the mandir), Islam (the mosque) **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views.	

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3	3.6 Why do many people celebrate and give thanks at Harvest time? **Progressive Study**: Christianity **Encounter:** Hindu Dharma (Pongal), Judaism (Sukkot) 3.1 What is the role of a faith leader who has been called by God? **Progressive Study:** Christianity, Islam Judaism (What do faith leaders do?) 3.2 Why do Christians believe that Jesus was Emmanuel, God with us? **Progressive Study:** Christianity **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (Many people celebrate at Christmas not because they believe Jesus was God, but because it is a tradition and part of British culture)		3.3 How did / does Jesus change lives? **Progressive Study** Christianity	3.4 Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy? **Progressive Study:** Christianity **Encounter**: Non-religious World Views (gifts and chocolate eggs at Easter because it is a tradition and part of British culture)	3.5 Is the 'golden rule' agreed by everyone? -12 **Progressive Study**: Christianity (The Ten Commandments) and Islam (The 5 Pillars of Islam) **Encounter:** Humanism (Humanist Values) Buddhism (Eight Fold Pathway given by the Buddha)	
4	4.6 What is prayer? **Progressive Study:** Christianity, Islam (What do the Qur'an and Hadith say about prayer?) , Judaism (impact of prayer for Jewish people)	4.2 Why is light an important symbol in many World Faiths? **Progressive Study** Christianity Judaism (Hannukah) or Hindu Dharma (Diwali)	4.3 Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God? **Progressive Study** Christianity Judaism	4.4 A story of betrayal or trust? **Progressive Study** Christianity **Encounter** Hindu Dharma, Islam Judaism (teachings of forgiveness across different faiths) Non-Religious World Views (trust and forgiveness as human values)	4.5 What is the purpose of sacred places or buildings? **Progressive Study** Christianity (the church) Hindu Dharma (the home shrine and the mandir) ,Islam (the mosque) **Encounter** Non-religious World Views (appreciate the historical, architectural and cultural value of sacred buildings)	

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5	5.1 Why are there several Holy Books and not just one? **Progressive Study:** Christianity Islam (the Qur'an and Hadith) **Encounter**: Sikhi (the Guru Granth Sahib) 5.2 How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas? **Progressive Study** Christianity		5.3 Why do Christians believe Jesus was a great teacher? **Progressive Study** Christianity	5.4 Why do Christians believe that Easter is a celebration of victory? **Progressive Study** Christianity	5.8 Why does the world need to change? Who is going to make the changes? **Progressive Study** Christianity Hindu Dharma **Encounter** Buddhism Non-Religious World Views	5.5 Did she make the right choice? **Progressive Study** Christianity Judaism
6	6.9 How do promises of commitment shape the lives of those who make them? **Progressive Study** Christianity (Baptism and Confirmation) **Encounter** Buddhism (the Three Refuges) Sikhi (The five K's) Non-Religious World Views (foundations of promises of commitment) 6.2 How do Christians prepare for Christmas? **Progressive Study** Christianity **Encounter** Non- Religious World Views (Many people get ready for Christmas not because they are Christians, but because it is a tradition and part of British culture.)		6.4 Who was Jesus? Who is Jesus? **Progressive Study** Christianity Islam Judaism **Encounter** Buddhism Non-Religious World Views	6.3 What are the connections between the Last Supper and the celebrations of Jewish Passover and Christian Eucharist? **Progressive Study** Christianity, Judaism (The Passover)	6.8 Why is pilgrimage not a holiday? **Progressive Study** Christianity Hindu Dharma Islam **Encounter** Non-Religious World Views	