**Progression in language: select shortlist of key words 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 features in the plans and can contribute to coherent progression.

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|  | **EYFS (Discovering)** | **KS1 (Exploring)** | **Lower KS2 (Connecting)** | **Upper KS2 (Connecting)** |
| **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, prejudice, persecution |
| **Christianity** | Christmas Bible Church Jesus | Christian, God, Creator, Christmas, Easter, Jesus, church, altar, font, Bible, gospel | Christian, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest Festival, Messiah, liturgy, church, Gospel, Jesus, Holy Spirit, God the Creator, Trinity, Heaven | Christian, Jesus, Bible, Gospel, Letters of Saint Paul, Trinity, Incarnation, Holy Spirit, resurrection, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Eucharist, agape |
| **Judaism** | Moses Passover Torah Synagogue | Jewish, synagogue, Torah, bimah, Chanukah/Hanukkah, Ark, Judaism, Shabbat, mezuzah, Tenakh | Jewish, Judaism, Moses, Exodus, Lawgiver, Ten Commandments, Star of David, Passover/Pesach, Shabbat, Shema, Torah | Judaism, Jewish, synagogue, schul, Jerusalem, Western Wall, Orthodox, Reform, Tu B’Shevat, tzedakah, tikkun olam |
| **Islam** | Allah, Prophet Muhammad, Qur’an, Mosque | Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Eid, Qur’an, moon and star, Ramadan, tawhid. | Muslim, Islam, Allah, Prophet, mosque, Qur’an, surah, moon and star, paradise | Muslim, Allah, Prophethood, Ummah, 5 Pillars, Prophet Muhammad, Iman (faith), akhlaq (character or moral conduct) Qur’an, Hadith, Mosque, Hajj. |
| **Hindu Dharma** |  | | Hindu, mandir, murtis, gods, goddesses, Diwali, Aum, Trimurti, dharma, Ramayana | Hindu, ahimsa, karma, dharma, murtis, Brahman, mandir, gods, goddesses, shrines, Mahatma |
| **Sikhi** | Links to key concepts/stories outlined on RE progression documents and general language of religious study. | | | |
| **Buddhism** |
| **Non-religious worldviews** | Non-religious | Humanist, Golden Rule, non-religious | Humanist, Golden Rule, non- religious, spiritual but not religious, atheist | Atheist, agnostic, Humanist, rationalist, Golden Rule, ‘spiritual but not religious’ |