

RE-Think your Topic and include RE.

Guidance on including RE in popular topics for 3 – 7 year olds.

Religious Education is a statutory requirement for all pupils in school except those in Nursery settings for which it could be seen as a non-statutory entitlement.

RE can be planned as a discrete area of learning or integrated within a topic / context for learning. If you are using published schemes of work, topic packs or imaginative learning projects, be careful as often the RE is missing! You will therefore need to add RE to ensure your curriculum fulfils statutory requirements.

RE lends itself to a wide range of popular cross-curricular topics. However it is important to ensure that topic links are meaningful and appropriate and properly match the concept of the area of religion being explored and not the narrative of a religious story.

The following grid shows a wealth of popular topics and identifies key resources which will ensure meaningful and appropriate RE for this age group.

A cross-curricular web, detailed planning and activity ideas are available to fully support practitioners and ensure that RE is easy for teachers and fun for pupils!

For those schools using the [Understanding Christianity Project](#), the Puddles and Freddie series of resources have been fully accredited to support the implementation of this project aimed at raising the standards of teaching and learning about the Christian faith. A guide showing how each resource supports the different concepts addressed by the project is also available from www.booksatpress.co.uk

Resources supporting RE and SMSC across Nursery to Year 2.

All resources are suitable for Nursery and Reception children however can be used with Year 1 and 2 pupils also. The grid below is an example of how they might be used across four years although they may be used in any order with any age group. Book titles in italics. PLAN+3: Topic web, planning and three classroom activities.

All resources available from www.booksatpress.co.uk

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Possible Topics:	Festivals, Celebrations, Food, Colours, Seasons, Sharing, Electric Rainbow Being thankful, Giving Glow and Glitter, Winter, Scrumptious, Autumn	Celebrations, Festivals, Food, Autumn, Winter, Seasons, Light, Glow and Glitter, Electric Rainbow	People Who Help Us, Local Area, Helping Others, Special Places, Belonging, Special Days, Superheroes (in the community) Community Explorers	Belonging, Promises, Festivals, Happiness, Family Album, Orchestra, Community Explorers,
Resources:	<i>A Wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles</i> PLAN+3 Autumn / Harvest DVDs Christmas and Diwali <i>Harvest, Christmas, Diwali</i> , (Holidays and Festivals Age 3+)	<i>Puddles and the Christmas Play</i> PLAN+3 Winter / Christmas DVD Hanukkah <i>Hanukkah</i> (Holidays and Festivals Age 3+)	<i>Puddles Lends A Paw</i> PLAN+3 Lending a 'Paw' DVD People Who Help Us / 2	DVD Vaisakhi
Possible Topics:	New Life, Animals, Babies, Pets, Spring, Beginnings, Caring for the Natural World Paws, Claws and Whiskers, Happiness, Mini Zoo	Beginnings, School Grounds, Gardens, Spring, Plants and Animals, Birds, Dens and Dandelions, Mini Zoo	Celebrations, Special People, Easter, New Beginnings, Carnival, Gifts and Giving, Scrumptious	Spring, Easter, New Life, Beginnings, Happy and Sad Times, Special People Family Album, Happiness, Superheroes(non-Fictional)
Resources:	<i>Seven New Kittens</i> and cross-curricular resource pack PLAN+3 Baby Animals/ Spring <i>Puddles and the St Francis Service</i> DVD Wesak	<i>The Baby Birds</i> CD Rom & puppets PLAN+3 Baby Birds / Spring <i>Puddles and the Happy Easter Day</i> PLAN+3 Spring / Easter <i>Easter</i> (Holidays and Festivals Age 3+)	DVD Jamie and Megan's Easter DVD Chinese New Year <i>Chinese New Year</i> (Holidays and Festivals Age 3+)	<i>Puddles and the Happy Easter Day</i> PLAN+3 Spring / Easter
Possible Topics:	Mini-beasts, The Garden, Natural World, Animals, Our World, Teeny Tiny Things, Wriggle and Crawl, Dens and Dandelions Remember Remember	Special Times, Festivals, Food, Giving, Being Thankful, Scrumptious	My Family, Friends, Homes and Families, Fairy Tales, Weddings, Happiness, Family Album	New Beginnings, My Family, Babies, Happiness, Pitter Patter Puddle Play, Family Album
Resources:	<i>The Tiny Ants</i> and cross-curricular resource pack PLAN+3 Minibeasts	DVD Eid-ul-Fitr <i>Eid-ul-Fitr</i> (Holidays and Festivals Age 3+)	<i>A Wedding Day Wish for Puddles</i> PLAN+3 Wedding Wish	<i>Puddles and the Christening Splash</i> PLAN+3 Babies / Baptism

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Think Topic	Think RE
Festivals Celebrations Food Autumn Colour Seasons Sharing Being Thankful Gifts and Giving Scrumptious	Available Resources Book 2: A Wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles (big book) PLAN+3 Autumn / Harvest: Topic Web and Planning 2 Activity 2a: PowerPoint Harvest Jigsaw Activity 2b Harvest songs x 2 Activity 2c Puddles Harvest board game Toy character: The Reverend Freddie Fisher with vestments Toy character: Puddles cat
Winter Seasons Celebrations Christmas Light Glow and Glitter Electric Rainbow	Available Resources Book 1: Puddles and the Christmas Play (big book) PLAN+3 Winter / Christmas : Topic Web and Planning 1 Activities: 1a: PowerPoint Nativity Scene Jigsaw 1b: Advent Candles Board Game 1c: Advent and Nativity Dominoes DVD: Sam and Holly's Christmas (with Easter, Wesak, Vaisakhi)
People Who Help Us Helping Others Jobs Our Local Area Special Places Community Explorers Superheroes (in the community)	Available Resources Book 3: Puddles Lends a Paw (big book) Book 4: Puddles Lends a Paw (standard book) PLAN+3 Lending A 'Paw' : Topic Web and Planning 3/4 Activities: 3a: Church Helpers' Rota 3b: Puddles Snap Cards 3c: Photostory Puddles Visits Carlisle Cathedral

Think Topic	Think RE
Weddings Friendship Homes and Families Fairy Tales Happiness Family Album	Available Resources Book 5: A Wedding Day Wish for Puddles (big book) PLAN+3 Wedding Wish: Topic Web and Planning 5 Activities: 5a: Wedding Dominoes 5b: Wedding Snap Cards 5c: Wedding Board Game Toy character: Arthur cat:
Spring New Life Beginnings Baby Animals Families Superheroes (non-fiction) Special People Family Album Happy and Sad	Available Resources Book 6: Puddles and the Happy Easter Day (big book) PLAN+3 Spring / Easter : Topic Web and Planning 6 Activity 6a: PowerPoint Easter Garden Scene Jigsaw 6b: Easter Snap Cards 6c: Easter Board Game Toy characters: 4 x kittens DVD: Jamie and Megan's Easter (with Christmas, Wesak, Vaisakhi)
Families Babies Myself Names Special Times Growing Up New Life Beginnings Happiness Family Album Pitter Patter Puddle Play	Available Resources Book 10: Puddles and the Christening Splash! (big book) Book 11: Puddles and the Christening Splash! (standard book) PLAN+3 Babies / Baptism: Topic Web and Planning 10 / 11: Activity 10a: Christening Snap Cards 10b: Christening Board Game 10c: Christening Match and Memory Game

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Belonging Festivals Homes Homelessness My Family Family Album Animal Welfare Creation Community Explorers	Available Resources Book 12: Puddles and the St Francis Service (big book) Toy characters: 4 x kittens PLAN+3 St Francis: Topic Web and Planning 12 Activity 12a: Board Game 12b: Snap Cards 12c: Match and Memory Game
Minibeasts In The Garden The Natural World Animals Our World Teeny Tiny Things Wiggle and Crawl Dens and Dandelions Remember Remember Fire, Fire!	Available Resources Book 7: The Tiny Ants Big Book Resource Pack 1: The Tiny Ants PLAN+3 Minibeasts: Topic Web and Planning 7 Activity 7a: Minibeasts dominoes 7b: Minibeasts song (lyrics and MP3) 7c: Minibeasts Powerpoint Jigsaw
School grounds Forest School Gardens Spring Beginnings Plants and Animals Birds Mini Zoo Dens and Dandelions	Available Resources Book with CD Rom 9: The Baby Birds Toy 5: Birds Puppet Set Resource Pack : Book, CD Rom & Puppet set PLAN+3 Birds / Spring New Life: Topic Web and Planning 9: Activity 9a: The Baby Birds Board Game Activity 9b: What Does The Story Tell Us About Muhammad? Activity 9c: Responding To The Story – How Did You Feel?

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<p>New Life Baby Animals Pets Spring Beginning Paws Claws and Whiskers Happiness Mini Zoo</p>	<p>Available Resources Book 8: Seven New Kittens Big Book Resource Pack 2: Seven New Kittens PLAN+3 Baby Animals / Spring New Life: Topic Web and Planning 8 Activity 8a: Seven New Kittens Snap Cards Activity 8b: Seven New Kittens Number Dominoes Activity 8c: Seven New Kittens Rhyme</p>
<p>Celebrations Festivals Babies and Birth days Noisy and Quiet Kindness to Animals Special People Superheroes (non-fiction) Happiness</p>	<p>Available Resources DVD: Sian's Wesak (together with Christmas, Easter, Vaisakhi)</p>
<p>Family Album Orchestra Community Explorers</p>	<p>Available Resources DVD: Guneet's Vaisakhi (together with Christmas, Easter, Wesak)</p>
<p>Seasons Celebrations Festivals Light Glow and Glitter Electric Rainbow</p>	<p>Available Resources DVD: Shyam's Diwali (together with Eid, Chinese New Year, Hanukkah) Book: Diwali (Festivals Around The World series Age guide 5+) Book: Diwali (Holidays and Festivals series Age guide 3+)</p>

<p>Winter Seasons Celebrations Festivals Light Glow and Glitter Electric Rainbow</p>	<p>Available Resources DVD: Jonathan's Hanukkah (together with Eid, Chinese New Year, Diwali) Book: Hanukkah (Festivals Around The World series Age guide 5+) Book: Hanukkah (Holidays and Festivals series Age guide 3+)</p>
<p>Festivals Celebrations Food Sharing Being Thankful Gifts and Giving Scrumptious</p>	<p>Available Resources DVD: Wafa's Eid-ul-Fitr (with Diwali, Chinese New Year, Hanukkah) Book: Eid-ul-Fitr (Festivals Around The World series Age guide 5+) Book: Eid-ul-Fitr (Holidays and Festivals series Age guide 3+)</p>
<p>Carnival Festivals Celebrations Food Sharing Being Thankful Gifts and Giving Scrumptious</p>	<p>Available Resources DVD: Ian's Chinese New Year (with Eid, Diwali, Hanukkah) Book: Chinese New Year (Festivals Around The World series Age guide 5+) Book: Chinese New Year (Holidays and Festivals series Age guide 3+)</p>
<p>Colour Festivals Celebrations</p>	<p>Available Resources Book: Holi (Festivals Around The World series Age guide 5+)</p>

	Book: Christianity (Your Faith series Age guide 5+)
	Book: Islam (Your Faith series Age guide 5+)

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