Year 1

Ways of knowing; How do we know believers practice their faith in this way? What reliable sources of information prove this? How do I know this is true?

Personal knowledge; What is my worldview? What has made me have this worldview? How does my worldview differ from somebody else's worldview?

Religion/Beliefs: Christianity, Judaism, Non-religion

Strands of	Making Sense of Belief	Understand the impact	Make connections
Learning			
Autumn 1 UC	Retell the story of creation from Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 simply	Give at least one example of what Christians do to say 'thank you' to God for Creation	Think, talk and ask questions about living in an amazing world
(Understanding Christianity)	Recognise that 'Creation' is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible Say what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world		Give a reason for the ideas they have and the connections they make between the Jewish/Christian Creation story and the world they live in.
Autumn 2 GAS (Gloucestershire Locally Agreed Syllabus)	Recognise that loving others is important in lots of communities Say simply what Jesus and one other religious leader taught about loving other people	Give an account of what happens at a traditional Christian and Jewish or Muslim welcome ceremony, and suggest what the actions and symbols mean Identify at least two ways people show they	Give examples of ways in which people express their identity and belonging within faith communities and other communities, responding sensitively to differences
		love each other and belong to each other when they get married (Christian and/or Jewish and non-religious)	Talk about what they think is good about being in a community, for people in faith communities and for themselves, giving a good reason for their ideas.
Spring 1 UC	Identify what a parable is Tell the story of the Lost Son from the Bible simply and recognise a link with the	Give at least two examples of a way in which Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving (e.g. by saying sorry, by seeing God as welcoming them back; by forgiving others)	Think, talk and ask questions about whether they can learn anything from the story for themselves, exploring different ideas

	Christian idea of God as a forgiving Father		
	Give clear, simple accounts of what the story means to Christians	Give an example of how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship (e.g. by saying sorry to God)	Give a reason for the ideas they have and the connections they make.
Spring 2 & Summer 1 GAS	Recognise the words of the Shema as a Jewish prayer	Give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times (e.g. Shabbat, Sukkot, Chanukah)	Talk about what they think is good about reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering for Jewish people, giving a
	Retell simply some stories used in Jewish celebrations (e.g. Chanukah)	Make links between Jewish ideas of God found in the stories and how people live	good reason for their ideas
	Give examples of how the stories used in celebrations (e.g. Shabbat, Chanukah) remind Jews about what God is like	Give an example of how some Jewish people might remember God in different ways (e.g. mezuzah, on Shabbat)	Give a good reason for their ideas about whether reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering have something to say to them too.
Summer 2 GAS	Identify a story or text that says something about each person being unique and valuable	Give an example of how people show that they care for others (e.g. by giving to charity), making a link to one of the stories	Think, talk and ask questions about what difference believing in God makes to how people treat each other and the natural world
	Give an example of a key belief some people find in one of these stories (e.g. that God loves all people)	Give examples of how Christians and Jews can show care for the natural earth	Give good reasons why everyone (religious and non-religious) should care
	Give a clear, simple account of what Genesis 1 tells Christians and Jews about the natural world	Say why Christians and Jews might look after the natural world	for others and look after the natural world.

Year 2

Ways of knowing; How do we know believers practice their faith in this way? What reliable sources of information prove this? How do I know this is true?

Personal knowledge; What is my worldview? What has made me have this worldview? How does my worldview differ from somebody else's worldview?

Religion/Beliefs: Christianity, Islam, Non-religion

Strands of	Making Sense of Belief	Understand the impact	Make connections
Learning			
Autumn 1	Recognise the words of the Shahadah and	Give examples of how Muslims use the Shahadah	Think, talk about and ask questions about
& Spring 1	that it is very important for Muslims	to show what matters to them	Muslim beliefs and ways of living
GAS			
	Identify some of the key Muslim beliefs	Give examples of how Muslims use stories about	Talk about what they think is good for
	about God found in the Shahadah and the	the Prophet to guide their beliefs and actions	Muslims about prayer, respect,
	99 names of Allah, and give a simple	(e.g. care for creation, fast in Ramadan)	celebration and self-control, giving a good
	description of what some of them mean		reason for their ideas
		Give examples of how Muslims put their beliefs	
	Give examples of how stories about the	about prayer into action	Give a good reason for their ideas about
	Prophet show what Muslims believe		whether prayer, respect, celebration and
	about Muhammad		self-control have something to say to
			them too.
Autumn 2	Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come	Give examples of ways in which Christians use the	Think, talk and ask questions about
UC	from the Gospels	story of the Nativity to guide their beliefs and	Christmas for people who are Christians
*Nativity		actions at Christmas	and for people who are not
	Give a clear, simple account of the story		
	of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important		Decide what they personally have to be
	for Christians		thankful for, giving a reason for their
			ideas
Spring 2	Recognise that Incarnation and Salvation	Give at least three examples of how Christians	Think, talk and ask questions about
UC	are part of a 'big story' of the Bible	show their beliefs about Jesus' death and	whether the story of Easter only has
		resurrection in church worship at Easter	something to say to Christians, or if it has
			anything to say to pupils about sadness,

	Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people) Recognise that Jesus gives instructions about how to behave		hope or heaven, exploring different ideas and giving a good reason for their ideas.
Summer 1 UC	Tell stories from the Bible and recognise a link with the concept of 'Gospel' or or 'good news' Give clear, simple accounts of what Bible texts (such as the story of Matthew the tax collector) mean to Christians Recognise that Jesus gives instructions to people about how to behave	Give at least two examples of ways in which Christians follow the teachings studied about forgiveness and peace, and bringing good news to the friendless Give at least two examples of how Christians put these beliefs into practice in the Church community and their own lives (for example: charity, confession)	Think, talk and ask questions about whether Jesus' 'good news' is only good news for Christians, or if there are things for anyone to learn about how to live, giving a good reason for their ideas
Summer 2 GAS	Recognise that there are special places where people go to worship, and talk about what people do there Identify at least three objects used in worship in two religions and give a simple account of how they are used and something about what they mean Identify a belief about worship and a belief about God, connecting these beliefs simply to a place of worship	Give examples of stories, objects, symbols and actions used in churches, mosques and/or synagogues which show what people believe Give simple examples of how people worship at a church, mosque or synagogue Talk about why some people like to belong to a sacred building or a community	Think, talk and ask good questions about what happens in a church, synagogue or mosque, saying what they think about these questions, giving good reasons for their ideas Talk about what makes some places special to people, and what the difference is between religious and non-religious special places.

Year 3

Ways of knowing; How do we know believers practice their faith in this way? What reliable sources of information prove this? How do I know this is true?

Personal knowledge; What is my worldview? What has made me have this worldview? How does my worldview differ from somebody else's worldview?

Religion/Beliefs: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Non-religion

Strands of	Making Sense of Belief	Understand the impact	Make connections
Learning			
Autumn 1	Place the concepts of God and Creation	Describe what Christians do because they believe	Ask questions and suggest answers about
UC	on a timeline of the Bible's 'big story'	God is Creator (e.g. follow God, wonder at how amazing God's creation is; care for the Earth –	what might be important in the Creation story for Christians and for non-Christians
	Make clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and	some specific ways)	living today
	Creation	Describe how and why Christians might pray to God, say sorry and ask for forgiveness	
	Recognise that the story of 'the Fall' in		
	Genesis 3 gives an explanation of why		
	things go wrong in the world		
Autumn 2	Make clear links between the story of	Make simple links between promises in the story	Make links between the story of Noah
UC	Noah and the idea of covenant	of Noah and promises that Christians make at a wedding ceremony	and how we live in school and the wider world.
Spring 1	Identify some beliefs about God in Islam,	Give examples of ibadah (worship) in Islam (e.g.	Raise questions and suggest answers
GAS	expressed in Surah 1	prayer, fasting, celebrating) and describe what	about the value of submission and self-
		they involve.	control to Muslims, and whether there
	Make clear links between beliefs about		are benefits for people who are not
	God and ibadah (e.g. how God is worth	Make links between Muslim beliefs about God	Muslims
	worshiping; how Muslims submit to God)	and a range of ways in which Muslims worship	
		(e.g. in prayer and fasting, as a family and as a	Make links between the Muslim idea of
		community, at home and in the mosque)	living in harmony with the Creator and
			the need for all people to live in harmony
			with each other in the world today, giving
			good reasons for their ideas.

Spring 2	Identify some Jewish beliefs about God,	Make simple links between Jewish beliefs about	Raise questions and suggest answers
GAS	sin and forgiveness and describe what	God and his people and how Jews live (e.g.	about whether it is good for Jews and
	they mean	through celebrating forgiveness, salvation and freedom at festivals)	everyone else to remember the past and look forward to the future
	Make clear links between the story of the		
	Exodus and Jewish beliefs about God and	Describe how Jews show their beliefs through	Make links with the value of personal
	his relationship with the Jewish people	worship in festivals, both at home and in wider communities	reflection, saying sorry, being forgiven, being grateful, seeking freedom and
	Offer informed suggestions about the		justice in the world today, including
	meaning of the Exodus story for Jews today		pupils' own lives, and giving good reasons for their ideas.
Summer 1 UC	Identify texts that come from a Gospel, which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus Make clear links between the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus and be 'fishers of people'	Give examples of how Christians try to show love for all, including how Christian leaders try to follow Jesus' teaching in different ways	Make links between the importance of love in the Bible stories studied and life in the world today, giving a good reason for their ideas.
	Suggest ideas and then find out about what Jesus' actions towards outcasts mean for a Christian		
Summer 2 GAS	Identify some beliefs about why the world is not always a good place (e.g. Christian ideas of sin)	Make simple links between teachings about how to live and ways in which people try to make the world a better place (e.g. tikkun olam and the charity Tzedek)	Raise questions and suggest answers about why the world is not always a good place, and what are the best ways of making it better
	Make links between religious beliefs and teachings and why people try to live and make the world a better place	Describe some examples of how people try to live (e.g. individuals and organisations)	Make links between some commands for living from religious traditions, non-religious worldviews and pupils' own ideas
		Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into action	

Express their own ideas about the best
ways to make the world a better place,
making links with religious ideas studied,
giving good reasons for their views.

Year 4

Ways of knowing; How do we know believers practice their faith in this way? What reliable sources of information prove this? How do I know this is true?

Personal knowledge; What is my worldview? What has made me have this worldview? How does my worldview differ from somebody else's worldview?

Religion/Beliefs: Christianity, Hinduism, Humanism, Non-religion

Strands of	Making Sense of Belief	Understand the impact	Make connections
Autumn 1 GAS	Identify some Hindu deities and say how they help Hindus describe God Make clear links between some stories (e.g. Svetaketu, Ganesh, Diwali) and what Hindus believe about God Offer informed suggestions about what Hindu murtis express about God	Make simple links between beliefs about God and how Hindus live (e.g. choosing a deity and worshiping at a home shrine; celebrating Diwali) Identify some different ways in which Hindus worship	Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good to think about the cycle of create/preserve/destroy in the world today Make links between the Hindu idea of everyone having a 'spark' of God in them and ideas about the value of people in the world today, giving good reasons for their ideas
Autumn 2 UC	Recognise what a 'Gospel' is and give an example of the kinds of stories it contains Offer suggestions about what texts about baptism and Trinity mean Give examples of what these texts mean to some Christians today	Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship in different ways (in baptism and prayer, for example) and in the way they live	Make links between some Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity, expressing clearly some ideas of their own about what Christians believe God is like
Spring 1 GAS	Describe how Hindus show their faith within their families in Britain today (e.g. home puja)	Identify the terms dharma, Sanatan Dharma and Hinduism and say what they mean Make links between Hindu practices and the idea that Hinduism is a whole 'way of life' (dharma)	Raise questions and suggest answers about what is good about being a Hindu in Britain today, and whether taking part in family and community rituals is a good thing for individuals and society, giving good reasons for their ideas.

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	Describe how Hindus show their faith within their faith communities in Britain today (e.g. arti and bhajans at the mandir; in festivals such as Diwali) Identify some different ways in which Hindus show their faith (e.g. between different communities in Britain, or between Britain and parts of India)		
Spring 2 UC	Recognise the word 'Salvation', and that Christians believe Jesus came to 'save' or 'rescue' people, e.g. by showing them how to live Offer informed suggestions about what the events of Holy Week mean to Christians Give examples of what Christians say about the importance of the events of Holy Week	Make simple links between the Gospel accounts and how Christians mark the Easter events in their communities Describe how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus in worship in different ways	Raise thoughtful questions and suggest some answers about why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday', giving good reasons for their suggestions
Summer 1 UC	Make clear links between the story of Pentecost and Christian beliefs about the 'kingdom of God' on Earth Offer informed suggestions about what the events of Pentecost in Acts 2 might mean Give examples of what Pentecost means to some Christians now	Make simple links between the description of Pentecost in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit, the kingdom of God, and how Christians live now Describe how Christians show their beliefs about the Holy Spirit in worship	Make links between ideas about the kingdom of God in the Bible and what people believe about following God today, giving good reasons for their ideas.

Summer 2	Identify some beliefs about love,	Describe what happens in ceremonies of	Raise questions and suggest answers
GAS	commitment and promises in two	commitment (e.g. baptism, sacred thread,	about whether it is good for everyone to
	religious traditions and describe what	marriage) and say what these rituals mean	see life as a journey, and to mark the
	they mean	Make simple links between beliefs about love and	milestones
	Offer informed suggestions about the meaning and importance of ceremonies of commitment for religious and non-religious people today	commitment and how people in at least two religious traditions live (e.g. through celebrating forgiveness, salvation and freedom at festivals)	Make links between ideas of love, commitment and promises in religious and non-religious ceremonies
		Identify some differences in how people celebrate commitment (e.g. different practices of marriage, or Christian baptism)	Give good reasons why they think ceremonies of commitment are or are not valuable today

Year 5

Ways of knowing; How do we know believers practice their faith in this way? What reliable sources of information prove this? How do I know this is true?

Personal knowledge; What is my worldview? What has made me have this worldview? How does my worldview differ from somebody else's worldview?

Religion/Beliefs: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Humanism, Non-religion

	iefs: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Humanism,		
Strands of	Making Sense of Belief	Understand the impact	Make connections
Learning			
Autumn 1	Identify and explain Muslim beliefs about	Make clear connections between Muslim beliefs	Make connections between Muslim
GAS	God, the Prophet and the Holy Qur'an (e.g. Tawhid; Muhammad as the Messenger, Qur'an as the message) Describe ways in which Muslim sources of authority guide Muslim living (e.g. Qur'an guidance on Five Pillars; Hajj practices	and ibadah (e.g. Five Pillars, festivals, mosques, art) Give evidence and examples to show how Muslims put their beliefs into practice in different ways	beliefs studied and Muslim ways of living in Britain/Gloucestershire today Consider and weigh up the value of e.g. submission, obedience, generosity, self-control and worship in the lives of Muslims today and articulate responses
	follow example of the Prophet)		on how far they are valuable to people who are not Muslims Reflect on and articulate what it is like to be a Muslim in Britain today, giving good reasons for their views
Autumn 2 UC	Identify features of Gospel texts (for example, teachings, parable, narrative) Taking account of the context, suggest meanings of Gospel texts studied, and	Make clear connections between Gospel texts, Jesus' 'good news', and how Christians live in the Christian community and in their individual lives	Make connections between Christian teachings (e.g. about peace, forgiveness, healing) and the issues, problems and opportunities in the world today, including their own lives
	compare their own ideas with ways in which Christians interpret biblical texts		Articulate their own responses to the issues studied, recognising different points of view

Spring 1	Identify some different types of biblical	Make clear connections between Bible texts	Weigh up how biblical ideas and teachings
UC	texts, using technical terms accurately	studied and what Christians believe about God;	about God as holy and loving might make
		for example, through how cathedrals are	a difference in the world today,
	Explain connections between biblical	designed	developing insights of their own
	texts and Christian ideas of God, using		
	theological terms	Show how Christians put their beliefs into	
		practice in worship	
Spring 2	Identify and explain Jewish beliefs about	Make clear connections between Jewish beliefs	Make connections between Jewish beliefs
GAS	God	about the Torah and how they use and treat it	studied and explain how and why they are
			important to Jewish people today
	Give examples of some texts that say	Make clear connections between Jewish	
	what God is like and explain how Jewish	commandments and how Jews live (e.g. in	Consider and weigh up the value of e.g.
	people interpret them	relation to kosher laws)	tradition, ritual, community, study and
			worship in the lives of Jews today, and
		Give evidence and examples to show how Jewish	articulate responses on how far they are
		people put their beliefs into practice in different	valuable to people who are not Jewish
		ways (e.g. some differences between Orthodox	
		and Progressive Jewish practice)	
Summer 1	Outline the 'big story' of the Bible,	Make clear connections between the Christian	Weigh up the value and impact of ideas of
UC	explaining how Incarnation and Salvation	belief in Jesus' death as a sacrifice and how	sacrifice in their own lives and the world
	fit within it	Christians celebrate Holy Communion/Lord's	today
		Supper	
	Explain what Christians mean when they		Articulate their own responses to the idea
	say that Jesus' death was a sacrifice	Show how Christians put their beliefs into	of sacrifice, recognising different points of
		practice in different ways	view.
Summer 2	Identify and explain beliefs about why	Make clear connections between Christian and	Raise important questions and suggest
GAS	people are good and bad (e.g. Christian	Humanist ideas about being good and how	answers about how and why people
	and Humanist)	people live	should be good
		Suggest reasons why it might be helpful to fellow	Make connections between the values
		Suggest reasons why it might be helpful to follow	
		a moral code and why it might be difficult,	studied and their own lives, and their
		offering different points of view	importance in the world today, giving
			good reasons for their views.

Make links with sources of authority that
tell people how to be good (e.g. Christian
ideas of 'being made in the image of God'
but 'fallen', and Humanists saying people
can be 'good without God')

Year 6

Ways of knowing; How do we know believers practice their faith in this way? What reliable sources of information prove this? How do I know this is true?

Personal knowledge; What is my worldview? Why do I have this worldview? How might my worldview differ from somebody else's worldview?

Religion/Beliefs: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Humanism, Non-religion

Strands of Learning	Making Sense of Belief	Understand the impact	Make connections
Autumn 1	Identify and explain Hindu beliefs, e.g.	Make clear connections between Hindu beliefs about	Make connections between Hindu
GAS	dharma, karma, samsara, moksha, using technical terms accurately	dharma, karma, samsara and moksha and ways in which Hindus live	beliefs studied (e.g. karma and dharma) and explain how and why they are important to Hindus
	Give meanings for the story of the man	Connect the four Hindu aims of life and the four	
	in the well and explain how it relates to Hindu beliefs about samsara, moksha, etc.	stages of life with beliefs about dharma, karma, moksha, etc.	Reflect on and articulate what impact belief in karma and dharma might have on individuals and the world,
		Give evidence and examples to show how Hindus put their beliefs into practice in different ways	recognising different points of view
Autumn 2 UC	Explain the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible	Show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' Incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas	Weigh up how far the idea of Jesus as the 'Messiah' – a Saviour from God – is important in the world today and, if it is true, what difference that might make
	Identify Gospel and prophecy texts, using technical terms	Comment on how the idea that Jesus is the Messiah makes sense in the wider story of the Bible	in people's lives, giving good reasons for their answers
	Explain connections between biblical texts, Incarnation and Messiah, using theological terms		
Spring 1 UC	Explain connections between biblical texts and the concept of the kingdom of God	Make clear connections between belief in the kingdom of God and how Christians put their beliefs into practice	Relate the Christian 'kingdom of God' model (i.e. loving others, serving the needy) to issues, problems and opportunities in the world today

	Consider different possible meanings for the biblical texts studied, showing awareness of different interpretations	Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in different ways	Articulate their own responses to the idea of the importance of love and service in the world today.
Spring 2 UC	Identify what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is, and its purpose Taking account of the context, suggest	Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator Show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together	Identify key ideas arising from their study of Genesis 1 and comment on how far these are helpful or inspiring, justifying their responses
	what Genesis 1 might mean, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different interpretations		Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account, giving good reasons for their views.
Summer 1 GAS	Define the terms 'theist', 'atheist' and 'agnostic' and give examples of statements that reflect these beliefs	Make clear connections between what people believe about God and the impact of this belief on how they live	Reflect on and articulate some ways in which believing in God is valuable in th lives of believers, and ways it can be challenging
	Identify and explain what religious and non-religious people believe about God, saying where they get their ideas from Give examples of reasons why people do or do not believe in God	Give evidence and examples to show how Christians sometimes disagree about what God is like (e.g. some differences in interpreting Genesis)	Consider and weigh up different views on theism, agnosticism and atheism, expressing insights of their own about why people believe in God or not Make connections between belief and behaviour in their own lives, in the light
Summer 2 GAS	Describe at least three examples of ways in which religions guide people in how to respond to good and hard times in life	Make clear connections between what people believe about God and how they respond to challenges in life (e.g. suffering, bereavement)	of their learning. Interpret a range of artistic expression of afterlife, offering and explaining different ways of understanding these