

Religious Education Curriculum Overview

St Peter's uses Lighting the Path to teach the Religious Education Directory (RED) model curriculum, To Know You More Clearly. This curriculum map summarises the learning in each of its six branches from Reception to Year 6. *The map currently reflects the R.E.D. while further Lighting the Path resources are released and will be reviewed as they become available.*

Reception and Year 1 are shown separately to make progression clear, although children in the mixed classes share selected core lessons with age appropriate learning outcomes. A 2-year cycle is followed.

Year	Creation and covenant	Prophecy and promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to garden	To the ends of the Earth	Dialogue and encounter
R	Children discover that God made our beautiful world and each person. They learn the Sign of the Cross, celebrate being loved by God, and begin to care for one another and creation.	Children hear the Annunciation and Nativity stories, including the shepherds. They learn that Mary was chosen to be Jesus' mother and explore how Christians prepare in Advent and celebrate at Christmas.	Through stories of the Magi and Jesus welcoming children, pupils begin to recognise Jesus as someone special who brings God's love to everyone.	Children hear the key events of Holy Week and the discovery of the empty tomb. They learn that Easter celebrates Jesus' Resurrection and new life.	Children hear about the risen Jesus, Pentecost and the first Christians. They discover that the Church is a community of Jesus' friends who gather, pray and care for one another.	Children encounter the people and traditions of their own community and others. They notice similarities and differences, ask questions and learn to treat everyone with respect.
Y1	Children explore the first Creation account as a prayerful poem about God's world. They learn that God is Creator and Father and consider how people can care for our common home.	Children follow Luke's account of the Annunciation, Visitation and birth of Jesus. They consider Mary's "yes", the angels' message and what Christmas reveals about God's love.	Children meet people who recognise Jesus as special, including Simeon and Anna. They hear how Jesus called disciples and welcomed others, beginning to understand that he is the Son of God.	Children learn about Lent and follow Jesus through Holy Week to the empty tomb. They explore how prayer, giving and the symbols of the season help Christians prepare for Easter.	Children hear the Road to Emmaus, Ascension and Pentecost. They learn how the Holy Spirit inspired Jesus' followers to share the Good News.	Children explore their local parish and the wider Christian family. They encounter some facts about Jewish faith and practise listening to the beliefs and experiences of others.

Years 2 to 4

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Y2	Children explore Noah and God's covenant with all living things, symbolised by the rainbow. They connect God's promise and new beginnings with care for creation and the welcome of Baptism.	Children revisit Luke's infancy narrative and meet Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist. They consider the different responses to God's message and the role of the Holy Spirit.	Children explore Jesus' Baptism and learn how his parables and miracles reveal God's love and call people back to him. They begin to recognise signs of the Kingdom of God.	Children revisit Holy Week, focusing on Jesus' forgiveness and the Resurrection. They learn why Lent is a time of reconciliation and explore the Easter Vigil.	Children revisit the Ascension and Pentecost, then explore how the Holy Spirit changed the apostles and Saul. They learn about the fruits of the Spirit in Christian life.	Through the Good Samaritan, children consider who their neighbour is and how Christians serve others. They deepen their knowledge of Jewish worship and practice, including Shabbat.
Y3	Children revisit Genesis as a poetic account of creation. They learn that humans are made in God's image, explore the dignity of every person and consider stewardship of creation.	Children study Matthew's account of Joseph and the birth of Jesus. They also learn the main parts of the Mass, with particular attention to the Liturgy of the Word.	Children explore the Magi, Jesus' miracles and parables in Matthew's Gospel. They consider how these signs and teachings reveal the Kingdom of God and deepen their understanding of prayer.	Children connect the feeding of the crowd and the Last Supper with the Eucharist. They learn what happens during the Liturgy of the Eucharist and why Mass matters to Catholics.	Children explore the risen Jesus, the early Church and the celebration of Mass. They learn more about the Holy Spirit, the Trinity and Mary's place in the Church.	Children learn about Jewish Passover and its links with the Last Supper. They also encounter Islamic beliefs and practices and learn to ask respectful questions.
Y4	Children follow God's call and covenant with Abraham and Sarah. They explore trust in God, the importance of promises and the virtues that help people respond to others.	Children study the prophet Elijah and John the Baptist. They explore how prophets call people back to God and prepare them for the coming of Jesus.	Children ask Peter's question, "Who do you say I am?" Through Jesus' healing and welcome of those excluded, they explore him as the servant Messiah and encounter the sacraments of healing.	Children explore mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation through Jesus' parables and the season of Lent. They follow Matthew's Holy Week account and consider the meaning of Jesus' death and Resurrection.	Children follow Peter from his denial of Jesus to his renewed mission. They learn about the Pope, the apostles and the Church's mission throughout the world.	Children explore Paul's journeys and the spread of Christianity. They encounter Islamic beliefs and practices, including the Five Pillars, with respect and curiosity.

Years 5 and 6

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Y5	Children study Moses at the burning bush and the covenant at Sinai. They explore the Ten Commandments and how Jesus' command to love God and neighbour guides Christian life.	Children follow David from shepherd to king and explore God's promise to him. They encounter the Psalms and consider how Christians understand Jesus as the promised king.	Children explore the Beatitudes, the Good Samaritan, the Transfiguration and the Our Father. They consider how Jesus' teaching develops the law of love and shapes discipleship.	Children reflect on Ash Wednesday, Jesus' temptations, sin and reconciliation. They explore Christian hope and the Sorrowful Mysteries as a way of praying with Jesus' Passion.	Children connect Pentecost with Confirmation. They learn how the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit strengthen Christians to witness to Christ.	Children explore how Christians read the Bible and deepen their understanding of Judaism through the Tanakh, the Shema and everyday expressions of Jewish belief.
Y6	Children study the second Creation account and what it teaches about humanity, freedom and sin. They discuss faith and science, care for our common home and new life in Baptism.	Children encounter women in the Old Testament and consider their part in salvation history. They compare the infancy narratives and explore Mary's "yes" and the Magnificat.	Children study signs in John's Gospel and what they reveal about Jesus. They deepen their understanding of the seven sacraments as ways Catholics encounter God's grace.	Children study John's account of Jesus' final days, including the washing of feet. They reflect on the Crucifixion and pray with the Stations of the Cross.	Children explore John's Resurrection accounts and the Christian belief that Jesus restores our relationship with God. They consider the Trinity, the Creed and Christian witness.	Children explore dialogue, worldviews and the common good. They consider how people of different beliefs work together and study the Five Pillars of Islam in Muslim life.

How the curriculum is organised

Across each branch, pupils encounter Scripture and Catholic teaching through four lenses: Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live. They develop understanding, discernment and a personal response through the RED Ways of Knowing: Understand, Discern and Respond.