Religious festivals progression map 2022-2023

	F2	Year 1	Year 2
Christmas	 Why is Christmas special for Christians? Use a story sack to introduce a crib scene, beginning with the three figures, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, and including shepherds, wise men, donkey, angels, etc. Read the story of Christmas from a children's Bible and refer back to figures. Discuss birthdays and make links to Jesus' birthday. Talk about Christmas gifts. Connect with the story of the wise men who gave gifts to Jesus. Reinforce the most important gift to Christians would be Jesus. 	 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Incarnation) Make sense of belief: Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians. 	 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Incarnation) *Recap Christmas story Understand the impact: Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the Nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas Make connections: Think, talk and ask questions about Christmas for people who are Christians and for people who are not Decide what they personally have to be thankful for, giving a reason for their ideas
Easter	 Why is Easter special for Christians? Have items related to Palm Sunday (e.g. Bible or storybook of Palm Sunday, donkey mask, white cloth or robe, cut-out palm leaves) Tell the story of Palm Sunday. Talk about how the cross reminds Christians that the Bible says Jesus died on a cross, and then was buried in a cave tomb. Use a Story Bible or video clip (e.g. Channel 4's animated Bible stories) to tell the story. 	Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Salvation) Make sense of belief: • Recognise that Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible (using child friendly language) • Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people).	 Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Salvation) Understand the impact: Give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter Make connections: Think, talk and ask questions about whether the story of Easter only has

	• Help children to learn that most Christians believe Jesus did not stay dead, but came to life again. That's why Easter is a happy festival for Christians. It is also why eggs are linked to Easter – symbols of new life.		something to say to Christians, or if it has anything to say to pupils about sadness, hope or heaven, exploring different ideas and giving a good reason for their ideas.
Diwali	 Discovering Diwali: In curiosity cube places objects linked to Diwali. Have the children seen these things before? Where? What might they be used for? Look at photos of Diwali. Read story books about Diwali (e.g. lighting a lamp – a Diwali story) How do people celebrate Diwali? Talk about children/staff own experiences. Discuss that some people might not celebrate Diwali and that is okay. Enhanced provision activities linked to Diwali. 	 Exploring Diwali: Recap how do people celebrate Diwali? Read story books about Diwali (e.g. Dipal's Diwali – A twinkl story). Discuss who celebrates Diwali (Hindus, Sikhs, anyone can join in with the celebrations!). Discuss that some people might not celebrate Diwali and that is okay. Why do people celebrate Diwali? Read child friendly story of Rama and Sita. Role play story of Rama and Sita. Create puppets to re-tell story. 	 Exploring Diwali: Recap Year 1 knowledge. Reread the story of Rama and Sita. Why is Diwali important to Hindu's? What does it teach them? Discuss how Hanuman and Rama were able to defeat Ravana by working as a team. How does working as a team help us? Pupils could try out some activities as a team and alone, comparing both to see when are they able to achieve more. Read story books about Diwali (e.g. Hurray for Diwali by Anita Raina Thapan) *If already taught about Hinduism make links and reference back to prior learning.

Eid	 Discovering Eid: Have a problem out that needs solving and ask the children to help you, could link to previous learning – this could be a jigsaw, a calculation, building something. Discuss how good it is to help each other. Think about ways that we can help each other. Share ideas and make a list. Why might we need to help someone? Tell children that during Eid, some people (Muslims) help others. They might give to charity. Discuss when we have given to charity at school (children in need, red nose day). Which stories are special and why? Know some stories from different religious and cultural backgrounds (Eid) Explore features of celebrations, festivals and special times (Eid) 	 Which special days and festivals are important to Muslims? Ramadan. Eid-Ul-Fitr – celebration of the successful completion of Ramadan 	Which special days and festivals are important to Muslims? Recap: Ramadan. • Eid-Al-Adha – Ibrahim's test of faith.
Vaisakhi	 Discovering Vaisakhi: Show photos of different parades. Share experiences of parades (seen/taken part). Discuss that some people celebrate by having a parade. Make links to what they already know about celebrations – parades may be new learning. March around the playground/classroom in parade style (waving, cheering, smiling, laughing, dancing) 	Make links to Sikhism lessons: Where and how do Sikhs worship? • Daily prayers (Panj Bania) • Going to the Gurdwara – How do Sikhs show respect in the Gurdwara? • Reading the Guru Granth Sahib During Vaisakhi, Sikhs prayer, go to the Gurdwara and read the Guru Granth Sahib.	 Which special days are important to Sikhs? Vaisakhi Ask the children to think of a time when they had to be brave? Share answers. Learn about the story of Vaisakhi and the 'beloved five' – make links to bravery.

• Explain that during Vaisakhi, Sikhs have a	• Learn how Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi	
parade through the streets. Show pictures of		
Vaisakhi parades. What can you see? Refer to		
flags.		
 Enhanced provision – Provide flag making 		
resources out for children to make their own		
flags. Could repeat marching in a parade with		
flags?		