



How does Discovery RE support the promotion of British Values?

Specific links between British Values and Discovery RE by Key Stage:

Please note for “Rule of Law”, ticks have been added because even though Discovery RE does not teach UK law, it teaches children of the laws of that religion so that they understand what a law might be. As the whole point of any RE curriculum is to promote tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs and mutual respect, these values are ticked throughout.

Because this is a detailed scheme of work (medium term planning), not individual lesson plans, many of the values will be covered or not by the way the teacher/practitioner explains the concepts included and the language used. The ticks below represent the most likely/feasible connections that can be made although the teacher may well be able to make further connections to e.g. individual liberty and democracy by consciously deciding to include them.

Foundation 1 and 2

Discovery RE Enquiry	Religions studied:	British Values				
		Democracy	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Mutual Respect	Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs
What makes people special?	Christianity /Judaism		✓ (10 commandments)	✓	✓	✓
What is Christmas?	Christianity				✓	✓
How do people celebrate?	Hinduism			✓	✓	✓
What is Easter?	Christianity	✓	✓		✓	✓
What can we learn from stories?	Buddhism Christianity Sikhism Islam Hinduism			✓	✓	✓
What makes places special?	Christianity Islam Judaism			✓	✓	✓

Key Stage 1

Discovery RE Enquiry	Religions studied:	British Values				
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Year 1						
Does God want Christians to look after the world?	Christianity		✓ not to damage others' property /graffiti etc.		✓	✓
What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?	Christianity				✓	✓
Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?	Christianity			✓	✓	✓
Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?	Christianity	✓	✓ (Roman rule/ how to treat monarchy)		✓	✓
Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?	Judaism		✓ (Shabbat rules)	✓	✓	✓
Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?	Judaism			✓	✓	✓

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Year 2						
Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?	Christianity			✓	✓	✓
Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?	Christianity				✓	✓
How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do? OR Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/ her everyday life?	Judaism Islam		✓ (Passover rules)	✓	✓	✓
How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?	Christianity		✓		✓	✓
How special is the relationship Jews have with God? OR Does going to a Mosque gives Muslims a sense of belonging?	Judaism Islam		✓ (The Covenant) ✓ (prayer in the Qur'an/pillar of Islam)	✓	✓	✓
What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God? OR Does completing Hajj make a person a better Muslim?	Judaism Islam		✓ (613 rules) ✓ (Hajj as a pillar of Islam)	✓	✓	✓

Lower Key Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4)

Discovery RE Enquiry	Religions studied:	British Values				
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Year 3						
Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child? OR Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?	Hinduism Sikhism		✓	✓	✓	✓
Has Christmas lost its true meaning?	Christianity				✓	✓
Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?	Christianity				✓	✓
What is 'good' about Good Friday?	Christianity				✓	✓
How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? OR Do Sikhs think it is important to share?	Hinduism Sikhism		✓ (Guru Granth Sahib – share with those in need)		✓	✓
Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu? OR What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?	Hinduism Sikhism		✓ (Guru Granth Sahib)		✓	✓
Year 4						
How special is the relationship Jews have with God? OR Is it possible for everyone to be happy?	Judaism Buddhism		✓ (The Covenant/Torah)	✓	✓	✓
What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?	Christianity				✓	✓
How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do? OR Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?	Judaism Buddhism		✓ (kashrut/UNCRC)	✓	✓	✓
Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?	Christianity		✓	✓ (Jesus willingly gave his up)	✓	✓
What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God? OR What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?	Judaism Buddhism		✓ (The Covenant/Torah)	✓	✓	✓
Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?	Christianity			✓	✓	✓

Upper Key Stage 2 (Yr 5)

Discovery RE Enquiry	Religions studied:	British Values				
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Year 5						
How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion? OR What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?	Sikhism Hinduism		✓ (Vedas) ✓	✓ (how much does a Sikh give up)	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Is the Christmas story true?	Christianity				✓	✓
Are Sikh stories important today? OR How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	Sikhism Hinduism		✓ (Guru Granth Sahib)		✓	✓
How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?	Christianity				✓	✓
What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? OR Do beliefs in karma, samsara and moksha help Hindus lead good lives?	Sikhism Hinduism		✓ (Guru Granth Sahib) ✓ Bhagavad Gita/ Upanishads		✓ ✓	✓ ✓
What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?	Christianity		✓ (10 commandments)	✓ e.g. Martin Luther King	✓	✓

Upper Key Stage 2 (Yr 6)

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Year 6						
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What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?	Islam		✓ (5 pillars)	✓	✓	✓
How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother? OR Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?	Christianity	✓ (class vote)		✓ (her choice)	✓	✓
Is anything ever eternal?	Christianity				✓	✓
Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?	Christianity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? (Double unit)	Islam	✓ (respecting law and leading peaceful lives)	✓ (Qur'an)	✓	✓	✓

Additional Optional Enquiries						
		Democracy	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Mutual Respect	Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs
Year 1 - Chanukah Does celebrating Chanukah make Jewish children feel closer to God?	Christianity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 4 - The Gospels: Why are there four gospels and how are they relevant to Christians today?	Christianity			✓	✓	✓
Year 5 - The Trinity Does a belief in the Trinity help Christians make better sense of God as a whole?	Christianity			✓	✓	✓
Year 6 - The Covenant How did Jesus create a 'New Covenant' and what does that mean to Christians today?	Christianity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓