Progression in language: summary of select shortlist of key words and core concepts

This table shows how learning across the age groups develops and uses the language of religious study and of particular religions in increasing   
depth and complexity. The selected terminology is a brief minimum that features in the plans and can contribute to coherent progression.

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|  | Reception  Curiosity+  experience | 5-7s: Exploring and  discovering | 7-9s: Knowing and  understanding | 9-11s:  Understanding and connecting | 11-14s: Applying, interpreting,  appreciating and appraising  (adding to KS2 lists) |
| The general  language of  religious  study | Religion  Special books  Special places  Special stories  Prayer | Religion, celebration,  festival, symbol,  thankful, faith, belief,  wise sayings, rules for  living, co-operation,  belonging, worship,  holiness, sacred.  creation story. | Religion, spiritual,  commitment, values,  prayer, pilgrim, pilgrimage,  ritual, symbol, community,  worship, devotion, belief,  life after death, destiny,  soul, inspiration, role-  model. | Religion, harmony, respect, justice, faith,  inter-faith, tolerance, moral values,  religious plurality, moral codes, holiness,  spiritual, inspiration, vision, symbol,  community, commitment, values, sources  of wisdom, spiritual, Golden Rule, charity,  place of worship, sacred text, devotion,  prayer, worship, compassion. | Beliefs, teachings, sources of  authority, religious expression, ways  of living, religious identity, diversity  and controversy, psychology,  sociology and philosophy of religion,  ethics, community cohesion, religious  conservatism, liberalism and  radicalism. |
| Christianity | Christmas  Bible  Church  Jesus | Christian, God, Creator,  Christmas, Easter,  Jesus, church, altar,  font, Bible, gospel. | Christian, Christmas,  Easter, Pentecost, Harvest  Festival, Messiah, liturgy,  church, Gospel, Jesus, Holy  Spirit God the Creator,  Trinity, Heaven. | Christian, Jesus, Bible, Gospel, Letters of  Saint Paul, Trinity, Incarnation, Holy Spirit,  resurrection, Christmas, Easter,  Pentecost, Eucharist, agape. | Biblical authority and inspiration,  intelligent design, theology, Christian  ethics, ‘Just war’, sanctity of life,  ‘green Christianity’. |
| Judaism | Moses  Passover  Torah  Synagogue | Jewish, synagogue,  Torah, bimah,  Hanukkah, Ark,  Judaism, shabbat. | Jewish, Judaism, Moses,  Exodus, Law-giver, Ten  Commandments, Star of  David, Passover / Pesach,  Shabbat | Judaism, Jewish, Torah, Shabbat, Pesach,  Hanukkah, Ten Commandments,  persecution, prejudice, Beth Shalom,  remembrance |  |
| Islam | Allah, Prophet  Muhammad,  Qur’an,  Mosque | Muslim, Islam, Allah,  Prophet, mosque, Eid,  Qur’an, moon and star. | Muslim, Islam, Allah,  Prophet, mosque, Qur’an,  moon and star, paradise. | Muslim, Allah, Prophethood, Ummah, 5  Pillars, Prophet Muhammad, Iman (faith),  akhlaq (character or moral conduct)  Qur’an, Hadith, Mosque, Hajj. | Last Prophet, Revelation, Shahadah,  Sawm, Zakat, Ramadan, Hajj,  submission to Allah, Sunni, Shi’a, Sufi,  99 Beautiful Names. |
| Hindu  Dharma |  | | Hindu, mandir, murtis,  gods and goddesses,  Divali, Aum. | Hindu, ahimsa, karma, dharma, murtis,  Brahman, mandir, gods and goddesses,  shrines, Mahatma. |  |
| Sikhi | Schools choosing to go beyond the minimum number of religions for study in this syllabus:  Select age-appropriate key words for pupils to learn as they begin their studies of each religion. | | | | Sikhi, Guru, Gurdwara, Langar, Guru  Granth Sahib, Waheguru, The 5 Ks,  Vaisakhi, Harimandir Sahib, Vand  Chakna, Sewa. |
| Buddhism | Buddha, Dharma, Sangha,  Enlightenment, 4 Noble Truths, Noble  Eightfold Path, Nirvana, Meditation. |
| Non-religious  worldviews | Non-religious | Humanist, Golden  Rule, non-religious. | Humanist, Golden Rule,  non-religious, spiritual but  not religious, atheist. | Atheist, agnostic, Humanist, rationalist,  Golden Rule, ‘spiritual but not religious’. | Varieties of atheism, ‘new atheists’,  skepticism, ethical autonomy,  situation ethics, secular. |