

Wider reading in RE

Reading is an essential part of success in RE. Religious teachings are rooted in texts and being able to read, understand and analyse a story or report is a key aspect of our curriculum.

We encourage pupils to read in a variety of ways. Most lessons will include reading at some point – both aloud and reading independently in silence. We talk a lot about words and the etymology of the vocabulary used. We read from different types of documents, including extracts from authentic sources such as scripture, academic books and research, poetry, newspaper and magazine articles and testimonies as well as text books.

When analysing texts, we often use the guided reading process in order to support pupils in understanding and analysing a passage.

Below are some examples of key reading materials that are used in KS3 RE and GCSE RS:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> magazine article: Introduction to religious studies Guided reading: The Ramayana Guided reading: Genesis 1 The Cosmological Argument articles from 'Studying religion and the Environment' (RE Today magazine) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shabbat: reading for information Guided reading: The Exodus Story A synopsis of the birth narratives in Luke and Matthew poetry: 'Love came down at Christmas' (Christina Rosetti) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> magazine article: an interview with young British Muslims Guided reading: Hajj diary Guided reading: Baptism The Last Supper - Biblical accounts
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided reading: the story of Abraham newspaper article: Saving the Torah Messianic Prophecies – extracts from the Old Testament a selection of parables The Sermon on the Mount 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> poetry: 'Who' (Sri Aurobindo) stories of Krishna from the Puranas Guided reading: The Bhagavad Gita Guided reading: The story of Guru Nanak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided reading: The first Pentecost Guided reading: The life of Prince Siddhartha
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 3 Philippa Foot's Trolley Car dilemma extended reading: Situation Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> extracts from 'A little history of religion' a selection of short biographies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'The knock at Midnight' – extract from the biography of Martin Luther King The story of Saul
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided reading: Genesis 1-3 The story of Job article: Attitudes towards same sex relationships article: A short history of women in the Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 John analysis the Sermon on the Mount + exegesis National Geographic article: Apocalyptic ideas article: The feminine Divine extracts from the Upanishads extracts from the Bhagavad Gita 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> testimonies: pilgrimage accounts extended reading: Christian worship
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> news articles relevant to current conflicts 'Thinking about ...' articles – exploring issues of belief in the 21st century 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> extracts from 'the Heart of Hinduism' 'Thinking about ...' articles – exploring issues of belief in the 21st century 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> testimonies: claims of religious experiences extracts from the writings of Christian mystics

We also have a range of books that we recommend for pupils to read beyond the curriculum:

Fiction

Books recommended by The RE department

Does My Head Look Big In This?
Randa Abdel-Fattah

How might wearing religious clothing affect a person?

my sister lives on the mantelpiece
Annabel Pitcher

How might we be affected by prejudice?

Life of Pi
Yann Martel

What version of the truth do you prefer?

The Book Thief
Markus Zusak

My favourite ever book. Guaranteed to make you cry.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE RE DEPARTMENT

The Poisonwood Bible
BARBARA KINGSOLVER

A brilliantly studied epic of one family's journey to the heart of darkness.

The Thread
Victoria Hislop

Bestselling author of *The Island* and *The Bones*

Books that deal with some of the complex aspects of RS. These would suit mature readers and deep thinkers. These are not true stories, but raise some interesting questions and will help you gain an insight into the topics.

And the Mountains Echoed
KHALED HOSSEINI

Bestselling author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

BLOOD TIES
SOPHIE MCKENZIE

By the RICHARD & JUDY'S CHILDREN'S BOOKS WINNER

RECOMMENDED READING FOR RE

READING IS A GREAT WAY TO ENHANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. IT HELPS YOU DEVELOP EMPATHY. PEOPLE WHO READ REGULARLY TEND TO DO BETTER IN SCHOOL.

Before You
JOJO MOYES

Should people have the right to die?

THE LOVELY BONES
ALICE SEBOLD

Is there life after death?

NEVER LET ME GO
KAZUO SHIGURO

WOULD A CLONE HAVE ANY RIGHTS?

JODIE PICOULT BOOKS: GREAT FOR RE ISSUES...

Many of Jodie Picoult's books deal with ethical dilemmas - many of the topics that we look at in DISE. Religious studies. Here are a selection that you might want to read...

CHANGE OF HEART
JODIE PICOULT

Your daughter needs a new heart. The only match comes from a murderer. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

MY SISTER'S KEEPER
JODIE PICOULT

IF YOU USE ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER, ARE YOU BEING A GOOD MOTHER - OR A VERY BAD ONE?

SING YOU HOME
JODIE PICOULT

The Most bestselling author of *My Sister's Keeper*

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS FORGIVENESS SAVIOUR SIBLINGS FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS FERTILITY TREATMENT HOLOCAUST EUTHANASIA SEXUAL ETHICS TEENAGE PREGNANCY RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

THE STORYTELLER
JODIE PICOULT

Impossible to put down! Observer

LONE WOLF
JODIE PICOULT

THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR

PLAIN TRUTH
JODIE PICOULT

Your baby is born in secret. If your father finds him, you will lose everything. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Non-fiction

