Religious Education - Year 6	
Autumn 1	
Commitment	 Commitment is a promise to give your time and energy to something you believe in. A Bar Mitzvah is a coming-of-age ceremony for a Jewish boy and a Bat Mitzvah is for a Jewish girl. The ceremonies signify them becoming Jewish adults. Bar and Bat Mitzvahs happen between the ages of 12 and 13. Bar and Bat Mitzvahs usually take place in the synagogue, and the boy or girl will read aloud from the Torah. Confirmation is when a Christian is old enough to make their own promises to follow God and live their life in a Christian way. Christians will usually be confirmed within a church.
Autumn 2	
Words of Wisdom	 Religious stories often include a key message to encourage believers to act in a certain way. 'Jesus Calms a Storm' is a Christian story that tells believers that they can count on Jesus (the Son of God) to help calm the storms or difficult times in their lives. 'Abraham and Isaac' is a story that appears in Christianity and Judaism. It encourages believers to put their trust in God. 'Angulimala and the Buddha' is a Buddhist story that tells believers that, with help from others, people can change themselves for the better. 'The Formation of the Khalsa' is a Sikh story that encourages believers to show commitment and devotion to their faith.
Spring 1	
Taking Part	 The Parable of the Good Samaritan is a story from the Bible about helping others. Charities are organisations designed to help others who are in need. Lots of charities are run by different religious groups. Christian charities (for example, The Salvation Army or Christian Aid) reflect Bible teachings.
Spring 2	
Belief in Action	 Christians believe that Sundays are a day to rest and to prepare for the week ahead. The 'Shabbat' (often called the Sabbath) is the Jewish day of rest. Jews regard this day as a gift given to them by God. Shabbat begins at nightfall on Friday and lasts until nightfall on Saturday. Beliefs about a day of rest are connected to religious teachings e.g The Ten Commandments.
Summer 1	
The Importance of Hope	 Hope is wanting something to happen or to be true. It is a desire for things to change for the better. Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil. The leader of a Jewish synagogue is a called a Rabbi. Rabbi Hugo Gryn was imprisoned in Auschwitz (a concentration camp) with his family in 1944.
Summer 2	
Justice: Rich and Poor	 Most faiths believe in the importance of charity and members donate money to support the place of worship and support the poor. Christians think charity is the highest form of love, showing the shared love between God and man. Jews think that everyone has a responsibility to help those suffering from poverty (the state of being extremely poor). Hindus believe that charity, or dana, is important because helping others is helping Brahman (the supreme God). Christian Aid (a charity) believes that poverty can be ended. This idea is based on religious teachings.