RE Definitions

Year 4	Word	Definition
Autumn Environment: Harvest	**Tier 2**	
	Community	A group who live in the same place or have a strong link in common with each other.
	Morality	Standards for good or bad behaviour, can be personal or set by society.
	Values	The ideas that help you decide what is right and what is wrong.
	Environment	The place in which people or animals live.
	Religious Community	A group of people who practise the same religion, this can be a close community or spread through the world.
	Responsibility	Something that is your job or duty to do or deal with.
	Creator	Someone who makes something new. For example, Christians believe that God created the world and Muslims believe the world was created by Allah.
	Tier 3	
	Harvest	A Christian celebration and the time of year when crops are collected from the fields.
	Bible	The holy book of Christianity containing the Old and New Testaments.
	Genesis	The first book of the Bible which describes how God made the world.
	Judaism	Jewish religion based on the teachings in the Torah and the belief in one God.
	Jews	People who follow the religion of Judaism.
	Hebrew	The language of the Jewish people.
	Sukkot/Sukkah	A Jewish celebration of the time the Jewish people spent in the desert.
	Lulav, Aravah, Etog & Hadass.	Four plants mentioned in the Torah and tied together to be waved during Sukkot.

Landmarks in life.	Pilgrimage	A journey, usually to a holy place that religious people may take to become a better person.
	Hoshana Rabbah	The seventh day of Sukkot, in which Jews make seven circuits around the Synagogue.
	Synagogue	A building in which Jewish people worship and study their religion.
	Tier 2	
	Worship	To show and give respect to God.
	Tradition	A belief or way of acting that people in a group have followed for a long time.
	Symbolism	The use of symbols or objects to represent religious ideas.
	Promises	To state that you will definitely do something.
	Celebration	A special social event where you remember and celebrate something or someone.
	Actions	Physically doing something.
	Occasion	A certain time when something happens or has happened.
	Ceremony	A formal religious event, usually a celebration.
	Tier 3	
	Baptism	A Christian ceremony in which water is poured over the head to show that the person has become a member of the Church.
	Confirmation	When a baptized Christian confirms they are Christians and become full members of the Church.
	Vows	Words said confirming to God that you will live by religious values.
	Font	A large container in Church used to hold water for baptisms.
	Godparents	A person who promises to help the new member of the Church with religious and moral issues.
	Candle	These are lit in church to remember people or as part of prayers.
	Priest	A person who performs religious duties in the Christian church.
	Holy Spirit	In the Christian Church, God in the form of a spirit.
	Bible	The holy book of Christianity containing the Old and New Testaments.

	Sacrament	An important religious ceremony in the Christian Church, like a Baptism or Communion.
	Hinduism	A religion with many different gods that also teaches reincarnation.
	Sacred Thread Ceremony (Upanayana)	A Hindu rite of passage symbolising the acceptance of a student by a Guru.
	Guru	A religious leader in the Hindu or Sikh religion.
	Janoi	A Hindu rite of passage where male children begin their formal education.
Spring Commitment: Lent	**Tier 2**	
	Spirituality	Deep religious feelings and beliefs.
	Prayer	Words that someone says when they are talking to God.
	Faith	A complete trust in someone or something.
	Preparation	Things that you do to get ready for an upcoming event.
	Beliefs	The feeling of being certain that something exists or is true.
	Values	How important something or someone is to somebody else.
	Commitment	A promise to God to do something.
	Temptation	Wanting to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.
	Forgiveness	To forgive or show the willingness to forgive, God may forgive you for your sins.
	Tier 3	
	Holy Week	The week before Easter, which starts on Palm Sunday.
	Shrove Tuesday	The day before Lent begins.
	Ash Wednesday	The first day of Lent.
	Maundy Thursday	The Thursday before Easter, when Christians remember the Last Supper.
	Good Friday	Friday before Easter Sunday when Christians remember the death of Jesus.
	Last Supper	The meal that Jesus ate with his apostles (friends) the night before he died.
	Tier 2	

Study of a chosen religion	Community	A group who live in the same place or have a strong link in common with each other.
	Faith	A complete trust in someone or something.
	Lifestyle	The way in which someone or a group of people decide to live their lives.
	Tier 3	
	Sikhism	A religion based on the teachings of Guru Nanak and one God.
	Gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship.
	Guru	A Hindu spiritual teacher.
	Guru Nanak	The founder (creator) of the Sikh religion.
	Guru Granth Sahib	The holy book of the Sikh religion.
	Five K's	The five items that Sikhs always need to wear.
	Sargun and Nirgun	Describe how Gods energy is both visible and invisible.
	Langar	The kitchen in a Sikh temple where free food is made for anyone who needs it.
	Granthi	The person who reads the holy book at Sikh temple.
	Vaisakhi	A day of celebration for Sikhs, celebrating the formation of the Khalsa panth of warriors.
	Ik Onkar	A symbol which appears at the beginning of Sikh scripture and means "One with everything."
	Khanda	The symbol of the Sikh faith, made up of two crossed swords, a double edged sword and a circle.
Summer Thinking about God.	**Tier 2**	
	Values	How important an idea, something or someone is to somebody else.
	Name	The word that a person, thing or place is known by.
	Title	A word used before someone's name to indicate who they are.
	Faith	A complete trust in someone or something.
	Artefact	An object that is made by a person with historical or religious interest.
	Tier 3	
	God	A spirit believed to control some part of the universe or life.
	Goodness	The personal quality of being morally good.

Features and patterns of worship.	Hindu Temple	A symbolic building used to worship and bring humans and gods together.
	Statues	An object made to represent a person, god or animal made from stone or metal.
	Murti	A Hindu statue symbolising a god.
	Worship	To have or show strong feelings or respect to God or gods.
	Mandir	Hindu word for a Hindu temple.
	Trimurti	Three forms of Hindu gods all together, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.
	Vishnu	The Hindu preserver god, he protects the universe and keeps life going.
	Brahma	The Hindu god of creation and the first Hindu god.
	Shiva	The destroyer god who transforms the universe.
	Vedas	Ancient Hindu religious texts.
	Tier 2	
	Worship	To show and give respect to God.
	Faith	A complete trust in someone or something.
	Prayer	Words that someone says when they are talking to God.
	Tier 3	
	Christians	A person who belongs to the religion of Christianity.
	Eucharist	The holy bread and wine used to symbolise the bread and wine from Jesus' last supper.
	Islam	A religion based on one God and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.
	Allah	The Muslim name for God.
	Qur'an	The holy book of Islam
	Wudu	A purity ritual involving washing parts of the body.
	Church	A building for Christians to worship God and other religious activities.
	Mosque	A building for Islamic religious activity and worship.