



### ICT in RE Key Stage 3

Religious education makes a distinctive contribution to the school curriculum by developing pupils' knowledge and understanding of religion, religious beliefs, practices, language and traditions and their influence on individuals, communities, societies and cultures. It enables pupils to consider and respond to a range of important questions related to their own spiritual development, the development of values and attitudes and fundamental questions concerning the meaning and purpose of life.

#### **The QCA Schemes of work**

The QCA schemes of work identify four main areas of ICT activity that are required to support work in RE.

- Use of CD-Roms for exploring comparative religions, bible texts
- Use of the Internet for research
- Use of graphics and presentation software to present work
- Use of information handling software to analyse surveys

The following paragraphs identify the RE units where ICT is used.

#### **Unit 7A Where do we look for God?**

CD-Roms containing great works of literature from believers.

Data handling software to record and display results of a discussion. Internet access.

#### **Unit 7B What does justice mean to Christians.**

Internet access to search biblical texts. Word processing or desk top publishing to present the lives of Christian leaders.

#### **Unit 7C Religious figures**

Internet access to research a religious figure.

#### **Unit 7D Who was Gotama Buddha?**

Internet access to research Buddhism. Desk-top publishing to create a newspaper recording the birth of Buddha.

#### **Unit 7E What are we doing to the environment?**

CD-Rom or the Internet to research views of religion on the environment. Desk-top publishing or word processing a leaflet on religion and the environment.

#### **Unit 8A What does Jesus' Incarnation mean to us today?**

Spreadsheet or database to record results of a survey into Christian's views on why the Christmas story is important. Word process a poem on the meaning of Christmas.

#### **Unit 8B What does the resurrection of Jesus mean for Christians today?**

Use a spreadsheet or database to record a survey of opinions about life after death.

#### **Unit 8C Beliefs and Practices**

Internet access. CD-Rom to research religious artefacts. Data handling software to create a database of festivals.

**Unit 8D Beliefs and practice**

CD-Rom or the Internet to research Sikh symbols and scriptures.

**Unit 8E A visit to a place of Worship**

Internet access to make a virtual tour of a place of worship.

**Unit 8F What makes a gurdwara special to Sikhs**

Internet access to make a virtual tour of a place of worship.

**Unit 9B Where did the Universe come from?**

Use a spreadsheet to analyse survey results of a survey of people's beliefs.

**Unit 9C Why do we suffer?**

CD-Rom or Internet to research an example of suffering (e.g. art – National Gallery site)

**Unit 9D Why are some places special to religious believers?**

Internet access to webcam to the Western Wall.

**Long term Planning**

At KS3 the ICT units that support RE activities should have been covered.

**Hardware**

A digital camera is useful to record, for example, visits to places of worship.

**Assessment**

At Key Stage 3 the ICT needed to support the RE units will usually have been taught separately, and should be assessed during ICT lessons. Where the RE Department has responsibility for delivering sections of the ICT Curriculum ICT will need to be recorded and assessed.

## Key Stage 3 Software and Hardware for RE Checklist

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QCA Unit		
7A	CD-Rom encyclopaedia or Internet – believers Database	
7B	Internet access Word Processing/Desk top publishing	
7C	Internet access	
7D	Internet access	
7E	CD-Rom or the Internet – views of religion on the environment	
8A	Spreadsheet or database. Word processor	
8B	Spreadsheet or database	
8C	CD-Rom or the Internet – religious artefacts. Database	
8D	CD-Rom or the Internet – Sikh symbols and scriptures	
8E	Internet access – virtual tour of place of worship	
8F	Internet access – virtual tour of place of worship	
9B	Spreadsheet	
9C	CD-Rom or Internet - suffering	
9D	Internet access – web cam – Western Wall	