

Skills in RE



Investigation – this includes:	•asking relevant questions; •knowing how to use a variety of sources in order to gather information; •knowing what may count as good evidence in understanding religion(s).
Interpretation – this includes:	•the ability to draw meaning from artefacts, works of art, poetry and symbolism; •the ability to interpret religious language; •the ability to suggest meanings of religious texts.
Reflection – this includes:	•the ability to reflect on feelings, experience, attitudes, beliefs, values, relationships, practices and ultimate questions.
Empathy – this includes:	•developing the power of imagination to identify feelings such as love, wonder, forgiveness and sorrow; •the ability to consider the thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others; •the ability to see the world through the eyes of others, and to see issues from their point of view.
Evaluation – this includes:	•the ability to debate issues of religious significance with reference to evidence, argument, opinion and statements of faith; •weighing the respective claims of self-interest, consideration for others, religious teaching and individual conscience.
Analysis – this includes:	•distinguishing between opinion, belief and fact; •recognizing bias, caricature, prejudice and stereotyping; •distinguishing between the features of different religions.
Synthesis – this includes:	•linking significant features of religion(s) together in a coherent pattern; •connecting different aspects of life into a meaningful whole.
Application – this includes:	•making links between religion and individual, community, national and international life; •identifying key religious values and their links with secular values.
Expression – this includes:	•the ability to articulate ideas, beliefs and values; •the ability to respond to religious ideas, beliefs and questions through a variety of media.
Self-understanding – this includes:	•the ability to draw meaning from significant experiences in their own and others' lives and from religious questions and answers.