**Possible enquiry questions for RE**

**Enquiries about the nature of religion and belief**

1.  What can we find out about religion in our local community?

2.  How and why do people have special ways of welcoming new babies?

3.  How and why do people pray?

4.  How do festivals bring people together? What are the ingredients of a festival?

5.  How do we know how to be good?

6.  What makes a text sacred?

7.  Why is light such an important symbol?

**Enquiries about Christianity**

8.  What can we find out about Christianity by visiting a local church?

9.  Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

10.  Why did Jesus tell the ‘lost’ parables?

11.  What happened when Jesus went to Jerusalem? (Palm Sunday to The Resurrection)

12.  How do people show that they are thankful for what they have? (Harvest)

**Enquiries about other religions and non-religious world views**

13.  Who was the Buddha?

14.  Why is Diwali an important time in some Hindu families?

15.  Why do some Muslims fast during Ramadan?

16.  Why is Shabbat important in some Jewish families?

17.  What can the story of Bhai Lalo (the milk and the blood) tell us about Guru Nanak?

18.  What can we find out about Sikhism by exploring a gurdwara (alternatively Islam / a mosque; Judaism / a synagogue; Hinduism / a mandir; Bahá’i Faith / a House of Worship etc.) \*

19.  Why do some people make religious offerings? (exploring two traditions)

20.  What makes us special?

\* *Q18 – Where possible, visits to places of worship, or other sites of significance to RE (for example galleries, cemeteries or sites of pilgrimage) would be preferable; however, it is acknowledged that in many parts of the country this may not be feasible – other than to a local church – due to distance. In these instances, DVDs , Virtual Tours, books and so on may provide the information if not the experience.*

**Key Stage 2**

**Enquiries about the nature of religion and belief**

1.  Can religion help people find peace?

2.  Is happiness the purpose of life?

3.  Does prayer make a difference?

4.  Why do some people make pilgrimages?

5.  What does it mean to take your religion or worldview seriously?

6.  If God made the world, why isn’t it perfect?

7.  What different things do people believe about how the world began?

8.  What are the world’s main religions, where did they originate and where are they now?

**Enquiries about Christianity**

9.  Why did Jesus tell parables about forgiveness?

10.  What is good about Good Friday?

11.  What does it mean to be a Christian saint? (links to the church calendar.)

12.  Why myrrh? How are the Christmas and Easter stories connected?

13.  What can people learn from the story of Daniel?

14.  Why do Christians celebrate the same thing in different ways? (The Last Supper)

15.  What does the parable of the Good Samaritan mean for Christians today?

16.  Why do Christians call Jesus ‘Saviour’?

17.  School designed unit on the diversity of global Christianity.

18.  How and why do some Christians help local people in need?

19.  Why do Christians believe God can be Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

20.  What can we find out about Christianity through the creative arts?

**Enquiries about other religions and non-religious world views**

21.  What can stories and images of the Buddha tell us about Buddhist beliefs?

22.  Why are the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha seen as the Three Jewels for some Buddhists?

23.  How and why do many Buddhists try to show compassion to all beings?

24.  What can stories and images of deities tell us about Hindu beliefs?

25.  What are some of the different ways Hindus worship?

26.  What does dharma (duty) mean to many Hindus?

27.  What does submission to Allah mean for Muslims in everyday life?

28.  What do Muslims believe about the origins and authority of the Qur’an?

29.  How and why do some Muslim organisations help those in need?

30.  What is the Torah and why is it important to some Jews?

31.  Why salt water? What connects Passover to freedom?

32.  What is new about Jewish New Year?

33.  What does sewa (service) mean to Sikhs?

34.  What do stories about and by Guru Nanak tell us about Sikhism?

35.  What is the Khalsa and why is it so important to many Sikhs?

36.  How do humanists mark rites of passage?

37.  How do humanists decide what is true?

38.  How do people with non-religious worldviews decide what is a good life?

39.  How do (choose two traditions) work for justice and equality?