

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
1st February 2023
Report of the Director for Children and Families
Suggested resources to support the Agreed Syllabus

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update on possible resources to support the teaching of the Agreed Syllabus

2 Summary

2.1 As a result of the revision of the Agreed Syllabus, schools will be requiring support and information on suitable resources

3 Recommendation

The SACRE members to reflect and dip into the examples provided and give their opinion on whether these might be deemed suitable.

4. Equal Opportunities

4.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

5 Financial implications

5.1 Financial implications may be raised by individual items. These have been dealt with elsewhere or will be raised at future meetings of SACRE.

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Suggested resources to support the Agreed Syllabus

a) Big ideas

Big Ideas for RE A new web-based curriculum for Religious Education, designed to meet the needs of all young people, including the growing number of those professing 'no religion' launched on 21st July 2022.

Big Ideas for RE includes a complete guide for those developing the RE curriculum for schools and is free of charge. The materials provide a new vision for the subject with the ultimate aim of improving the quality and rigour of RE.

The emphasis of the new materials and exemplars is on engaging children and young people with the issues and matters of current concern in the world today, including the environmental crisis, offering 'curriculum design for a 21st century education in religion and worldviews'.

The Big Ideas for RE have been built on the work of 12 RE academics and professionals who came together for a summit in 2016 under the directorship of Dr Barbara Wintersgill. The website address is: <https://bigideasforre.org/>

Big Ideas for RE - Free Religious Education Curriculum for schools

b) Culham St. Gabriel's E learning Platform:

General information to support the teaching of RE

<https://courses.cstg.org.uk/>

New resources

Three introduction courses now live on this platform, with more to come.

Look out on social media for updates. All courses are free and designed to take about 90 mins (for introduction courses) and a little longer for other courses. You can view these videos and much more by following the link:-

<https://vimeo.com/channels/cstg>

c) RE Today and National Association Teachers of Religious Education

<https://www.retoday.org.uk/school-support/schemes-of-work/>

RE today provides some free resources and many which schools have to pay for.

Units include lots of teaching and learning ideas, links to useful resources, learning outcomes and assessment guidance and suggestions. **Each unit offers on average eight hours of classroom ideas.**

<https://www.natre.org.uk/> [Search for resources](#)

Over 2000 online teaching resources available. From classroom ideas, subject knowledge, research papers and more... Covering a breadth of religious and non-religious worldviews.

d) Early Years resources

Gill Vaisey is an independent adviser on religion and worldviews specialising in RE for 3 – 7 year olds. She produces a wealth of free curriculum support documents and published resources which can be accessed via www.booksatpress.co.uk

The books at press EYFS resources are on this website

[RE Books & Resources \(booksatpress.co.uk\)](http://www.booksatpress.co.uk)

Gill also produces, to purchase story books about Puddles the cat and Rev Fisher

e) Bible stories to support the teaching of Christianity

This is a series of PowerPoints with brilliant images for ten of the main Bible stories

<https://tenbiblestories.org/resources/noahs-ark/?s=03>

f) BBC Bitesize

Religion Road 20 short films from BBC for RE: The BBC's 20 new films for RE are all embedded into Bitesize. They are designed for use at home, but you may well find them useful in class too.

All of them can currently be accessed at KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize . [KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize](#)

Also

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/>

g) Oak Academy

Free PowerPoints to support the teaching of the main religions with quizzes to support retrieval of information

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/religious-education>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4/subjects/religious-education>