



*Small school, big hearts. Wise, responsible and kind like the Good Samaritan.*

## **The Foundations of RE in the EYFS**

The EYFS framework is structured very differently to learning within key stage one and two as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas. The aim of this document is to help subject leaders and teachers to understand how the knowledge and skills taught across EYFS feed into later learning.

The table below outlines the most relevant statements taken from the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS statutory framework and the Development Matters age ranges for Three and Four-Year-Olds and Reception.

The most relevant statements for RE are taken from the following areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Understanding the World

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Three and Four-Year-Olds	Personal, Social and Emotional Development		• Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
	Understanding the World		• Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.
Reception	Personal, Social and Emotional Development		• See themselves as a valuable individual. • Think about the perspectives of others.
	Understanding the World		• Talk about members of their immediate family and community. • Name and describe people who are familiar to them. • Understand that some places are special to members of their community. • Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
ELG	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Building Relationships	• Show sensitivity to their own and others' needs.
	Understanding the World	Past and Present	• Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. • Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

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- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

