

Digging Deeper: Next Steps for Learning in RE

A number of primary school teachers have asked me to suggest some questions that they can use and adapt as 'next steps' for learning in RE. The following provides some suggestions based primarily on Blooms Taxonomy. The aim is that these questions could be used during lessons as part of the ongoing dialogue about learning, but may also be used as 'next steps' when assessing pupils' work and supporting them in 'digging deeper'.

Questions to increase knowledge

What happened after....?

What is a religious term we might use for.....?

What else did you find out?

What does tell us about the idea of (God/worship/creation....)?

Questions to develop understanding

How did....happen?

Can you explain why....?

Can you think of another example?

What beliefs might lie behind these ideas?

What does the image/story etc tell you about....?

Can you think of another way of saying.....?

What is the purpose of this.... (story/image/artefact)?

What is the truth in this narrative?

Have we understood the big idea (or concept) in our learning enquiry?

Questions for synthesis

What do you conclude from....?

Can you sum up your ideas inwords?

Questions of comparison

Do you know another time when....?

Is this the same as...?

Questions for encouraging wider perspective/alternative views

What questions do you have about this topic now?

What are the alternatives?

If someone had a different view to you about.... what might it be?

What is the opposite view to this?

What would a (e.g. Christian, humanist, Muslim...) say about that do you think?

Questions for justification/reasoning

Can you give a reason?

What could be a reason for....?

Can you give an example to support this?

Questions to develop evaluation

What is the most important thing you learned?

What do..... learn from this....?

How effective were...?

How would you improve....?

What is the most important...?

Would it be better if....? Why/Why not?

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Questions about impact

What would happen if...?

What are the consequences of...?

What difference might this make to....?

How might make a difference to people's behaviour/worship/action?

Questions developing personal opinions

What do you think about...?

Why do you think....?

Can you defend your position about...?

How would you feel it...?

Do you think it matters if...?

How would you interpret....?

A selection of 'I wonder' questions...

I wonder... what surprised you most about.....?

I wonder... what difference might make to people...?

I wonder... if this.... has any value today?

I wonder... if this (story) could be left out of the (bible)?

I wonder... if thisconnects with anything in your life?

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