

## R.E. Top 10 KS3& 4 Reading List

### Top Reads

**KS3: Life of Pi by Yann Martel** Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a Tamil boy from Pondicherry, survives 227 days after a shipwreck while stranded on a boat in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. Throughout the story there are interesting questions raised about the nature of spirituality, the importance of faith and the relationship between science and religion.

**KS3: The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis** This series of fantasy novels, alongside being one of the best loved series of children's books of all time, contains large amounts of religious symbolism. Aslan, the noble lion of Narnia, is a literary Christ figure who plays a pivotal role in the story, as Jesus Christ is central to the Christian faith. C.S. Lewis set out his story of Aslan as a retelling of the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection, so this book would be an interesting read for anyone who wants a better understanding of key themes within Christian theology

**KS4: The House of Islam: A Global History** Wise and authoritative, The House of Islam seeks to provide entry to the minds and hearts of Muslims around the world. It introduces us to the mercy of Muhammad, the aims of sharia law, the way scripture provides an ethical basis to life and the beauty of Islamic art

### Easy Reads

**KS4 The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained (DK)** An excellent book to dip into for anyone who wants to understand the key concepts behind the earliest religious beliefs right up to the world's newest faiths. It gets to the heart of what it means to believe with jargon-free descriptions and step-by-step diagrams that encapsulate every aspect of religious thinking

### Enrichment Reads

<https://request.org.uk/> An excellent educational website containing information about the Christian faith. For students in KS3, articles on this website will help you to gain a far deeper understanding of the religion

### Challenging Reads

**KS3 His Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman:** The epic story Pullman tells across the books is not only a spellbinding adventure featuring armoured polar bears, magical devices, witches and daemons, it is also an audacious and profound re-imagining of Milton's Paradise Lost.

**KS4 Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder** A phenomenal worldwide bestseller, SOPHIE'S WORLD sets out to draw teenagers into the world of Socrates, Descartes, Spinoza, Hegel and all the great philosophers. A brilliantly original and fascinating story with many twists and turns, it raises profound questions about the meaning of life and the origin of the universe