

Ways of Knowing: Diving into disciplines

A selective reading list for focus week and beyond!

General research on disciplinary knowledge

Generic research on disciplinary knowledge. Christine Counsell (2018)
my.chartered.college/impact_article/taking-curriculum-seriously

Education Endowment fund (EEF) Generic and interesting work around disciplinary literacy (2023)
educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/the-disciplinary-literacy-tree

Research relating to disciplines/ways of knowing in religion and worldviews education

Research report: Research on hermeneutics Panjwani, Bowie, Clemmey (2020)
www.cstg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/11/teachers-and-texts-findings-report.pdf
and
nicer.org.uk/texts-and-teachers

Research Report: Benoit, C., Hutchings, T., and Shillitoe, R., (2020). Worldview: A multi-disciplinary report. Available: religionseducationcouncil.org.uk/resource/literature-review/

Research Report: Fraser-Pearce, J., and Stones, A., (2023). Knowing well in religious education. Available: www.reonline.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Knowing-Well.pdf

Research spotlight: A report from Ryan Parker's PhD exploring practical strategies for primary pupils to engage with deep questions and interpret parables (2025)
www.reonline.org.uk/research/primary-pupils-can-a-richer-encounter-with-parables/

Farmington research report: A report by Sophie Smith from Coventry and Warwickshire exploring how to strengthen the delivery of disciplinary literacy across transition points (2023)
farmington.ac.uk/scholars/tt491-bringing-the-worldviews-approach-to-a-locally-agreed-syllabus-with-a-focus-on-different-lenses-and-the-transition-between-the-different-keystages/

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Article: This article in the Chartered College Impact magazine explores What does 'scholarly' RE look like in the primary classroom? Katie Gooch (2023)
my.chartered.college/impact_article/what-does-scholarly-re-look-like-in-the-primary-classroom-developing-disciplinary-ways-of-knowing-in-a-coherent-primary-religion-and-worldviews-curriculum

Article: This article by Helen Sheehan explores disciplinary knowledge through intensive practice with ITE students (2025)
retodaymagazine.online/article/exploring-disciplinary-knowledge-in-re-classrooms-through-intensive-practice/

Article: Stephen Pett explores the implications of the idea of insider/outsider and the implications for RE (2017)
retodaymagazine.online/article/where-do-you-stand-insider-and-outsider-views-on-religion-in-re/

Books relating to disciplines/ways of knowing in religion and worldviews education

Book: Chater, M., (ed) (2020). Reforming RE. John Catt. Of particular note are chapters by Kueh, Georgiou and Wright. Available for example: ow.ly/ixE650UKU8f

Book: This Ways of Knowing: A Toolkit – Primary from RE Today by Julia Diamond-Conway et al. formed part of the Spring 2026 NATRE mailing. Read this review of the book here:

www.reonline.org.uk/2026/05/18/book-review-ways-of-knowing-a-toolkit-primary/
reteachingresources.co.uk/product/ways-of-knowing-primary/

Book: This Ways of Knowing: A Toolkit – Secondary from RE Today by Stephen Pett et al. formed part of the Spring 2026 NATRE mailing. Read this review of the book here:

www.reonline.org.uk/2026/05/18/book-review-ways-of-knowing-a-toolkit-secondary/
reteachingresources.co.uk/product/ways-of-knowing-a-toolkit-secondary/