



YEAR 6 – RE

QUESTION: IS IT BETTER TO EXPRESS YOUR
BELIEF IN ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE OR
IN CHARITY AND GENEROSITY?



WEEKS OF TEACHING	LINE OF ENQUIRY	THRESHOLD CONCEPT	SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE	DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE	CURRICULUM ENDPOINT
I	What makes a place special? What is a sacred place? Are all places sacred? What is the value of a sacred place?	Understand how beliefs are conveyed	- A sacred place is a location that has special religious meaning Different religions have different places of worship - Christianity – Church - Islam – Mosque - Judaism – Synagogue - Hinduism – Mandir (Temple) - Buddhism – Buddhist temple or monastery - Not all places are sacred to everyone - Sacred places have value beyond religious worship they often act as community hubs, places of learning, charity and support. They can bring people together, preserve traditions and promote shared values such as respect, kindness and peace. - People show respect for sacred places in different ways Visitors may follow special rules, such as removing shoes, dressing modestly, remaining quiet or facing a particular direction when praying.	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs.	- Observe and understand varied examples of religions and worldviews so that they can explain, with reasons, their meanings and significance to individuals and communities. - Observe and consider different dimensions of religion, so that they can explore and show understanding of similarities and

2	How do mosque buildings express Islamic beliefs and values? What makes a fine mosque?	Understand how beliefs are conveyed	• Mosques are places of worship for Muslims and are designed to support prayer. Mosques provide a clean, calm space where Muslims gather to pray. • The prayer hall faces Makkah and includes a mihrab. • A mihrab is a niche in the wall that shows the direction of Makkah (the qibla). • Minarets are towers from which the call to prayer is traditionally made. • Domes create a sense of space and help sound travel during prayer. • Prayer mats are laid in rows to show equality, as all worshippers stand shoulder to shoulder. • Mosque decoration reflects Islamic beliefs about God. Islamic belief avoids images of people or animals in places of worship. • A fine mosque reflects Islamic values of community, equality and respect. Mosques are not only places of prayer but also centres for learning, charity and community life.	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs.	differences within and between different religions and worldviews. • Explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so that they can understand different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning.
3	Muslim calligraphy, painting and poetry: what is inspiring?	Understand how beliefs are conveyed	• Calligraphy is central to Islamic art. Arabic calligraphy is highly valued because it is used to write verses from the Qur'an and shows respect for Allah. • Images of people and animals are usually avoided in religious art. Instead, Muslim artists use patterns, designs and writing to express faith.	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs.	

			- Geometric and floral patterns have meaning Repeating designs symbolise order, balance and the infinite nature of Allah. - Poetry is an important form of expression in Islam Muslim poetry explores faith, worship, love for God and reflection on life. - Islamic art and poetry inspire reflection and spirituality They encourage people to think deeply about faith rather than focus on images.		
4	How do Christians use art in worship and in remembering Jesus? What do you admire about some works of art?	Understand how beliefs are conveyed	- Christians use art to help them worship and remember Jesus - Paintings, sculptures, stained glass and symbols help Christians reflect on Jesus' life, teachings, death and resurrection. - Images often tell stories from the Bible - Church art creates a reflective and prayerful atmosphere.. Features such as stained glass windows, crosses and icons help people focus, pray and feel closer to God during worship. - Christian art often expresses ideas such as love, sacrifice, forgiveness and hope, which are central to Christian teaching.	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs.	
5	Can a Christian place of worship be a building for the 'glory of God'? What does this mean?	Understand how beliefs are conveyed	- Christians believe churches can be built for the "glory of God" - designed to honour God and show respect and praise through beauty, care and craftsmanship. - Church buildings often use art and architecture to express belief - stained glass, towers, arches and crosses reflect Christian beliefs about God's greatness and love. - A beautiful church can help people feel awe and reverence- Christians believe that inspiring buildings	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs.	

			can help worshippers reflect, pray and feel closer to God. • Different Christian traditions view church buildings differently. Some churches are very decorative, while others are simple, showing that Christians have different views about how best to honour God. • The “glory of God” is shown through worship and community, not just buildings. Many Christians believe God’s glory is also shown through kindness, service and love for others, not only through church design.		
6	How and why do Muslim charities try to change the world?	Understand how beliefs are conveyed	• Muslims believe in helping others as part of their faith. Charity (sadaqah) and the obligatory giving of zakah are important in Islam to support those in need. • Muslim charities provide practical help. They give food, clean water, medicine, education and shelter to people affected by poverty, disasters or conflict. • Charities reflect Islamic values. Muslim charities aim to show compassion, justice, generosity and care for all people, following the teachings of the Qur’an. • Muslim charities work locally and globally. They support communities both in the UK and around the world, helping to reduce inequality and suffering. • Their goal is to make the world a better place. By helping others, Muslim charities encourage fairness, kindness and hope, showing how faith can inspire positive action.	Explain some of the different ways that individuals show their beliefs.	
7	How and why does Christian Aid	Understand how beliefs are conveyed	• Christian Aid is a charity inspired by Christian beliefs. It works to help those in need, following Christian values of compassion, justice and love for others.	Explain some of the different	

	try to change the world?		• Christian Aid provides practical support The charity helps with food, clean water, shelter, education and healthcare for people affected by poverty, disasters, and conflict. • Christian Aid campaigns for change It raises awareness of inequality, challenges unfair systems, and encourages governments and communities to take action. • Christian Aid works locally and globally The charity supports communities in the UK and around the world, aiming to reduce suffering and create fairer opportunities. • Its goal is to make the world a better, fairer place By helping vulnerable people and addressing injustice, Christian Aid encourages kindness, fairness, and hope in line with Christian values	ways that individuals show their beliefs.	
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ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY:

- **Choose one sacred place or religious charity** you have studied (e.g., a church, mosque, Christian Aid, Muslim charities).
 - **Explain why it is important** to the people who use it.
 - Include **evidence from your learning**: beliefs, values, practices, art, or architecture.
 - **Show understanding of diversity**
 - Explain how different religions or communities may have different sacred places or ways of helping the world.
 - **Reflect personally**
 - Describe what you admire about the place or charity and why it inspires you.