

## Expressions of faith

In this unit of work the children will explore faith members' expressions of identity: different expressions in different faiths and denominations.

### In this unit children will:

- Explore how people express their beliefs through personal symbols and artefacts
- Investigate the significance of religious festivals and rituals
- Explore how values provide rules for living and how these may be influenced by religious belief
- Understand how taking part in a festival may have an impact on the life of a person of faith
- Explain the challenges that believers face when following religious beliefs
- Show how religious celebrations have an impact on the community

### Key Vocabulary

faith family  
belonging  
festivals  
artefacts  
symbols  
celebration  
commitment  
shared values  
holy books  
impact  
rituals  
reflect  
differences  
similarities  
identity  
challenges

### Prior Learning

**Year 1** 1.1 Looking at me

**Year 2** 2.1 Belonging

**Year 3** 3.2 Faith founders

### Cross Curricular Links

**PSHE** Cultural awareness



### Key Knowledge

- Religious symbols and artefacts are linked to festivals according to the season and time of year.
- Christmas creates a sense of belonging for believers and non-faith believers alike.
- Faith members may express their beliefs through art, story, dance and drama.
- Festivals and celebrations of different faiths can bring a community together.

### Key Questions

- What does it mean to belong?
- How can festivals celebrated in one faith bring together people of other faiths?
- What do different faiths have in common in their religious celebrations?
- Why do people of faith wear certain artefacts and carry out certain rituals?
- How does a believer feel when they take part in a festival or ritual?

