

Encounters

In this unit of work the children will explore what makes a place sacred.

They will also have opportunities to observe worship in more than one faith, focusing on its significance for faith members.

In this unit children will:

- investigate different forms of worship
- explore the diversity and significance of local religious places to faith groups and members of the community
- describe some different ways people communicate with their god
- describe the uses of sacred places, symbols and artefacts by believers and the community
- compare activities at different places of worship
- consider the meaning of different forms of religious worship
- share thoughts and feelings about sacred spaces and their use
- explain how activities at local places of worship create a sense of community



Key Vocabulary

faith family

belonging

festivals

artefacts

symbols

celebration

holy books

artefacts

sacred

worship

rituals

reflect

differences

tolerance

similarities

Prior Learning

Year 1 1.3 Worship and festivals

Cross Curricular Links

PSHE Cultural awareness; understanding and tolerance of others

Key Knowledge

- Worship can take different forms: quiet contemplation, singing and actions.
- People of faith choose to go to a special place of worship to feel closer to their god.
- Symbols and artefacts used in worship are symbolic: they represent key events in the history of their faith.
- Remembrance gives you time to reflect on what has happened in the past.
- People of faith wear and use symbols and artefacts to reflect their beliefs.
- Being quiet and respectful in any place of worship shows that you understand the importance of that special space to believers.
- Worship **can** take place anywhere.

Key Questions

- When and why do faith members go to a 'special' place of worship?
- What do they do when they are there?
- Are there any special rules when they are there?
- Who is responsible for looking after the special place?
- What does the word 'sacred' mean?
- What makes a space sacred?
- What makes a building sacred? Why? How is it used?
- What does the word 'worship' mean?
- What symbols or artefacts can be found in a sacred building or space and what meaning do they have?
- How do faith members behave when they are in the space?
- How do faith members use symbols and artefacts within their worship and how might this affect the way faith members behave or feel?

