

Topic: RE – What makes some places sacred to believers?

Term: Summer 2




Year: 1 and 2

Duration: 6 weeks

Progression of learning:

Children will already know about two religions: Christianity and Islam. They will know what followers of these two religions believe and how it affects their daily lives. In year 3 the children will learn how sacred places are used to mark significant events in life.





The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what will be learning):

 Making sense of belief	 Understanding the impact.	 Connecting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising that there are some special places where people go to worship. • Know that sometimes special items are used in worship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give examples of stories, objects, symbols, and actions which show what people believe. • Give examples of how people worship in a church and a mosque. • Talk about why some people like to belong to a sacred building or community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and explain what happens in a church and a mosque. • Talk about what is the same and what is different between churches and mosques, as well as special, non-religious places.

Word	Meaning
Church	A special building for Christians, where people gather to worship.
Mosque	A special building for Muslims, where people gather to worship.
Muslim	A follower of Islam.
Christians	A following of Christianity.
Alter	A raised area in a Church, where people can honour God with offerings.
Font	Holds holy water and is a place where people are baptised.
Lectern	A stand which holds the Bible and is where the priest reads from during a service.
Pulpit	The place where the minister preaches a sermon from.
Wudu	The act of washing before Muslims worship. This can be a special area within a Mosque.
Prayer mat	A special mat that Muslims kneel on to pray.
Minbar	Steps used as a platform by an Imam in a mosque, to show the direction for prayer.
Mihrab	A space in the wall of a mosque at the point nearest to Mecca, that Muslims face to pray
Priest	Leader of the services in a church
Imam	Leader of the prayer in a mosque.
Pilgrimage	A journey to a place of religious significance.

You might find it useful to explore this website with your child when learning about special places:

Symbols

	<p>Candles are a symbol of Jesus, who is called the light of the world.</p>
	<p>A cross is a Christians symbol representing when Jesus was crucified.</p>
	<p>Calligraphy is a very important art from used to write special words in the Qur'an.</p>
	<p>For Muslims, prayer beads have 99 beads. Each one is used to represent one of the 99 names of God</p>

Key questions:

What makes some places special?

Which places are sacred and why?

Why do people pray?

If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?

How are places of worship similar and different?

Why are places of worship important to communities?

