



RE Topic: Why do people make pilgrimage?

Year: 3 **Term:** Spring 1

Key Knowledge/Content:

Sacred journeys: pilgrimages

- Explore the idea of a memorable, sacred or holy journey with pupils.
- Discover the stories, activities and importance of the Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, and Hindu pilgrimages to Varanasi, Hardwar and other sites on the River Ganges. Another pilgrimage could also be studied briefly – e.g., of Christians to Lourdes.
- Enquire into the reasons why some journeys are pilgrimages, and others are not.
- Understand a range of key vocabulary: Religion, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Hajj, Hajji, Makkah, Prophet Ibrahim, Ismail, Ummah, Varanasi, Mela

Links to:

Prior learning:

Know that different religions have places from the history of their religion that are important to them.

Future learning:

To explore religious places in different religions and explain why they are important.

Key vocabulary with definition:

Prior vocabulary:

- Muslim- A follower of the religion of Islam.
- Hindu- A follower of Hinduism.
- Symbol- A shape or sign used to represent something such as an organization.

New vocabulary:

- Hajj, Hajji- The greater Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.
- Pilgrim- A person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.
- Pilgrimage- A journey to a place of particular interest or significance.

By the end of this unit

All children can: use six or more of the right words learned in the unit to **describe** the events of two or more examples of pilgrimages.

Most children can: **demonstrate** links between the values and commitments of pilgrims and their own values and commitments.

Some children can: **demonstrate** and **explain** similarities and differences that they have encountered in pilgrimages in two or more religions.

Background understanding for teachers and parents:

This unit will explain that a pilgrimage is a sacred journey, undertaken for a spiritual purpose. Pilgrims are different from tourists; they travel for spiritual reasons, not just to relax or for fun. Pilgrimage is a search for meaning, purpose, values or truth.

Curriculum Driver (one):

Aspiration

Evidence outcome:

Learn about different faiths within our local community and different opportunities that these faiths can provide. All pupil's work and opinions are highly valued, and everyone is taught to respect one another's opinions and beliefs.