

<p>The Telford & Wrekin SACRE RE Agreed Syllabus Support for Teachers through Planned Investigations</p>		
<p>Unit title: What can we learn from visiting sacred places? Age Group: RE Unit for Years 3/4/5/6, age 7-11</p>		
		

Telford & Wrekin SACRE RE Agreed Syllabus

Key Stage 2 Planning support for teachers



The Unit title is set as a key question: What can we learn from sacred places of worship?

This unit should be planned around the opportunities for enquiry and visits to sacred places in the local community

6-8 hours of lessons.

Target Year group

Year 4 (can be done in Year 3)

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Prior learning and KS1 links

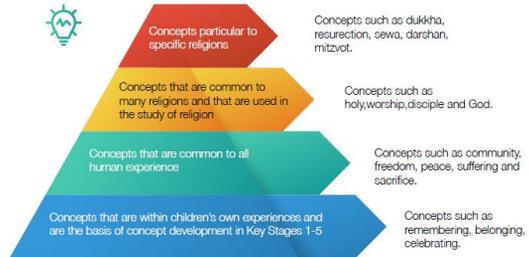
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- Key learning objectives
- Key questions
- Key values
- British values

Key concepts

If pupils are able to make links with their own experiences they will be able to engage in deeper learning and see the relevance of what they are learning. RE is not about cultures and practices that are alien; rather it is about beliefs and practices of people who are, or will be, encountered in pupils' everyday experiences. If it is possible to make links with pupils' own experiences then RE can begin with a shared concern or life experience and then explore differences.



A conceptual Pyramid for RE Adapted from Judith Lowndes (2012)

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Key Skills

Enquiry

- ask pertinent and challenging questions
- to gather, interpret and analyse information
- to draw conclusions and evaluate issues using good reasoning
- argument
- expressing their own opinions (Ofsted, 2013, pp.9 and 31).
- investigating religions and worldviews through varied experiences, approaches and disciplines
- reflecting on and expressing their own ideas and the ideas of others with increasing creativity and clarity
- becoming increasingly able to respond to religions and worldviews in an informed, rational and insightful way
- critical and personal evaluation
- find out about investigate
- respond creatively
- enquiry
- articulate beliefs, values and commitments clearly (RE Council 2013, pgs 13, 15 and 60)

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 This will be an ongoing development as more resources are continually added and updated.



Cross curricular links

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The places of worship in Telford and Wrekin.

Church of England	✓
Roman Catholic	✓
Methodist	✓
Independent	✓
Baptist	✓
Salvation Army	✓
Elim	✓
Hindu Temple	✓
Sikh temple	✓
Islam mosque	✓

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SACRE website

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Suggested assessment tasks
These are suggested tasks that could be used to assess learning outcomes. These activities are opportunities to apply concepts on sacredness and consider questions about holy spaces. They recall key features of visited spaces and evaluate what are important for worship and spiritual reflection.

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Expected outcomes
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Learning outcomes

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Teachers can be flexible in time allocation to learning intentions and these are not set out as distinct lessons.

The ideas show a sequence for planning over the 6-7 hours for delivery of this RE unit.

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This sequence may be adapted depending on when visits can be planned for.

Deepening learning on sacred places and places of worship

What is a sacred place?

- describe what is meant by 'sacred'
- reflect on what makes a place special or sacred.
- compare the meaning of 'sacred' and 'special'

What are sacred places like? (Visits to religious buildings)

- Investigate (describe and explain) the features of a sacred building (church, mosque, gurdwara)
- describe and compare a sacred place significant to religious believers

What makes a place sacred?

- explore and reflect on the use of a sacred building by religious believers. (Christianity, Islam, Sikhism)
- Understand that not all sacred buildings are the same within a particular religion.

What special sacred sites are there that have significance for religious people?

- explore the idea of pilgrimage to sacred sites (nationally and internationally)
- explain the value of sacred places to religious believers

Is it important to have sacred places?

- reflect on the significance of sacred places in their own lives
- apply learning to design a sacred space

<p>To reflect on the significance of sacred places in their own lives</p>	<p>Is it important to have sacred places? Can any place be sacred? How should we treat sacred places?</p> <p>In this lesson, pupils will consider the idea that the natural world is a better environment in which to worship, or to express your spiritual side, than a holy building made by humans. Begin by showing some images of some of the most stunning and inspiring natural beauty. Ask pupils: What is your favourite: view, mountain, lake, <u>place</u> in the world?</p> <p>Discuss the feelings they invoke. You could explore your school grounds to find a peaceful, quiet place and hold a mindfulness session there.</p> <p>You could use the song 'Wonderful World. Use this song to explore and raise questions about the wonders of the world and the idea of creation. Ask children what they think the singer believes. How can they tell? Play the music, and give the children the lyrics to see. Ask them if they can, while listening, write down the questions that come into their minds. Ask pupils to make their own 'list poem' of some of the things that amaze them about the world.</p> <p>Design a sacred space for a new building/garden. Create a sacred place in the school grounds to hold a mindfulness or prayer time. Create a list of rules for people to follow using the space.</p>
<p>Next Steps/Impact</p> <p>SACRE Agreed syllabus Units to deepen learning Year 4 Unit 20 Keeping the 5 pillars of Islam -this deepens learning about pilgrimage to sacred places and Hajj to Mecca Year 5 Unit 22 on Prayer - this will further understanding of the sacred and deepen learning to what happens in sacred places Year 6 Unit 27 Expressing the spiritual through the Arts also explores the deeper meaning of sacred and spiritual expressions</p>	

Next Steps in learning –where can this go next? Link to next units to build on the concepts and skills of this unit.

