

# Year 3 Spring 1 Term Knowledge Organiser



## Why is pilgrimage important in some religions?

### What I should know already...

- What does it mean to be a Sikh, Muslim, Jew, Christian and Buddhist?
- What are the different places of worship?

### What I will learn in the future...

- What do the different religions believe in?
- What is the significance of different teachings across religions?

### Star Vocabulary

<b><u>pilgrim</u></b>	A person who goes on a pilgrimage is called a pilgrim.
<b><u>pilgrimage</u></b>	A journey to a special place that is important for religious reasons.
<b><u>tourist</u></b>	People who travel for pleasure.
<b><u>holy</u></b>	Something or somewhere that is dedicated to or associated with God or a religious purpose.
<b><u>Spiritual</u></b>	relating to people's thoughts and beliefs, rather than to their bodies and physical surroundings.

Hajj- for Muslims



Lourdes or Bethlehem for Christians



River Ganges

- Pilgrimage is an important part of Hinduism. Hindus go on pilgrimages to several places, including temples and mountains. Once every 12 years, millions of people share in ritual bathing at the Kumbh Mela festival. This is held where the waters of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers combine. The River Ganges is the holiest river for Hindus.
- In Islam pilgrimage is important. All three types of Muslims (Sunni, Shia, and Sufi) take pilgrimages. Each group of Muslims has its own pilgrimages, but they all believe in a special pilgrimage called Hajj. All Muslims try to go once in their life, as this is the fifth pillar of Islam. For Hajj, Muslims travel across the world to visit Mecca.

### Facts

- Although going on a pilgrimage is important to many different religions, this is not true with every religion.
- Some Sikhs go on pilgrimages, but many do not as it is not seen as a compulsory part of Sikhism. If they go, they go to the Golden Temple.
- Pilgrimages are very important in Buddhism. The most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites are called the 'Eight Great Places'. They are: Rajgir, Bodhi Gaya, Sarnath, Vaishali, Sankassa, Kusinara, Shravasti and Lumbini. Four of these are believed to be where miracles took place.
- There are different views on pilgrimage in Christianity. For some Christians, going on pilgrimage is important, whereas others do not believe it is that important. Christians who go on pilgrimages visit places that are in the New Testament in the Bible or are linked with saints or miracles. Pilgrimages include Lourdes in France and Bethlehem.
- In the past, it used to be the duty for all followers of Judaism to pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year during specific festivals. It is no longer a duty, but Jews still go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem as it is their holiest city. Jews go to pilgrimage at the Western Wall (or Wailing Wall) as it is the last site of a destroyed Jewish temple. Jews pray at the wall and write messages to God.

### Attainment Skills

Discuss some distinctive and common aspects of religion

Discuss the things that influence them and others

Make connections between beliefs and actions

Describe what a believer can learn from a religious story

Use religious vocabulary to discuss religious beliefs

Raise and discuss big questions about life and listen to others people's views