

Religious Education Subject Knowledge Organiser

Summer Year 1

Strands covered: Christianity: Why is the Church important to Christians?

What Prior Knowledge should students have?

- Some books are special to religious groups, e.g., Bible (Christians), Torah (Jews), Qur'an (Muslims)
- Some stories are about special people e.g. Jesus, Prophet, Muhammad (pbuh), Moses
- The Bible is the religious text for Christians and also contains the Old Testament.
- Give reasons for why the Bible is important for Christians

Key Vocabulary	Definition
church	A church is a public place of worship, usually for people of the Christian religion. Some Christian denominations, or groups, also have buildings called cathedrals.
Christian	Christianity refers to the large group of religions who believe that the son of god was born a man – Jesus.
worship	To worship is to show a lot of love and adoration for something. Religious believers worship gods, and people can worship other people and things too.
prayer	Prayer is a communication to God. Many believe their prayers are answered and evidence of it is primarily reported in the Old and New Testament.

What Skills will students learn (Disciplinary Skills)

- Discuss why a church is important to Christians
- Explore the main features of a church interior and exterior.
- To understand that all human life is valuable.
- Explore if prayer is important to everyone (Thematic).

What key knowledge will be taught (Substantive Knowledge)

- Know that Christians show God that he is special to them through worship.
- Know that Christians meet together in a church.
- Know the special symbols in a church building.

Religious Overview – Christianity

The foundational belief for Christians is in God, the Creator of the world, who is revealed to people through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Christians believe in God as Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The religious text is the Bible which has an Old Testament and a New Testament. The Old Testament is stories about God and the New Testament holds stories of Jesus. Christians believe Jesus performed miracles because he was the son of God.