Religious Education

Year 3 Symbols in Religions

Key Vocabulary

celebration	A special event that is organised because something pleasant has happened
symbols	An object, sign or thing that represents or stands for something
worship	An act that shows devotion to or love for God
Salat	Prayers performed five times a day by Muslims
Mandir	A Hindu temple Sri Navadhurgai Amman Temple Mitcham
rituals	A ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way
God	A loving being who created things

Key Learning

Everyday signs and symbols have meaning. The importance of symbols is in what they represent.

Different religions have symbols:

Christianity: cross

Sikhism: The Khanda

Judaism: Star of David

Hinduism: Om

Islam: The Star and Crescent

Buddhism: Wheel of Life

Movements and rituals can also be symbolic such as praying or kneeling on the ground and bowing your head in prayer.

In some religions colours are symbolic such as white for purity in Christianity and orange for fire and purity in Hinduism.