



Knowledge Organiser: Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?

Key Vocabulary	
Charity	the voluntary giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need
Architecture	the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings
Sacred	connected with God or a god or dedicated to a religious purpose and so deserving veneration
Calligraphy	the art of producing decorative handwriting or lettering with a pen or brush
Mosque	a Muslim place of worship
Cathedral	the principal church of a diocese, with which the bishop is officially associated
Prophet	a person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God
Justice	the quality of being fair and reasonable

Key Learning
This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from two different religions about why their holy buildings and works of art matter to them as expressions of devotion to God and worship, and about how they practice generosity and charity. By the end of the unit pupils will be able to weigh up which has the greater impact – art or charity? They will consider what the world would be like without great art and architecture or without charity and generosity. They will examine the positives of both and compare the question from different perspectives including their own.

Year 5 and 6

Strand – Expressing

Religions and Worldviews –
Christians, Muslims and non-
religious e.g. Humanists

Key Knowledge and Discussion Points
Muslims make beautiful writing but not images of Allah.
Muslims believe that they should try to make the world better by trying to lessen or stop poverty and injustice.
Muslim Artists - Yasmin Kathrada and Ahemd Moustapha Islamic Poetry - Al Ghazali
There are charities such as Christian Aid and Islamic Relief which have values based upon religious beliefs and teachings.
Christians use artwork to represent the life of Jesus and their beliefs.
Christians follow the teachings of Jesus about how they should act out of love, help others, have fellowship and be generous.
There are 44 Anglican Cathedrals in the UK and over 3 million in the World. Christians use cathedrals to worship God and to express in Architecture a Christian sense of the grandeur of God and the value of spiritual life.
Cases for and against the rebuilding of the Notre Dame.