

### Key Facts

#### Christianity

Visit shrines of saints for spiritual benefit.

Pilgrimages to Jerusalem were the most dangerous and reserved for the most devout.

Retreats to Iona is a period of quiet reflection and prayer.

#### Hinduism

The river Ganga's sanctity reflects an intimate relationship of Hinduism with nature, awe and respect for the river's life sustaining and destructive powers.

#### Islam

It is an obligation for Muslims to perform the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, the hajj. This takes place during the twelfth month of the Muslim calendar. This focuses on God alone and stresses the unity of all Muslims and is a reminder of the Great Day of Judgement to come. Everyone wears simple clothing, usually white.

#### Judaism

The western wall in Jerusalem is a central Holy place for Jews. It faces the East and is the last remaining wall of the Jewish Temple.



# RE

## Year 5

### Autumn

# Pilgrimage

### Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Devotion	Strong affection or loyalty.
Pilgrimage	A long trip undertaken for religious purposes, such as to visit a holy place.
Reflection	the process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
Retreat	A quiet place for resting, thinking or being alone.
Reverence	A feeling of great respect mixed with love.
Saint	A person who has been recognized by the Roman Catholic Church as having lived a holy life.
Sanctity	The quality or state of being holy or sacred.
Shrine	A sacred place or object that is devoted to a holy person or God.



The Western Wall



The River Ganges



Mecca



Iona

### Knowledge and Understanding:

#### Children will learn:

- To share experiences of journeys to special places and reflect on places which are special to the children or have had significant impact.
- To understand how some places are particularly special to different traditions.
- To understand the way pilgrimage often entails preparation.
- To know about the way pilgrimage often expresses central beliefs of a tradition.
- To be aware that pilgrimage is important for the community as well as the individual.
- To be aware of the difference in importance of pilgrimage within traditions.

### Key skills and concepts:

#### Children will be able to:

- Reflect on how someone is affected by going on a pilgrimage.
- Reflect on life as a journey with experiences which change us.



### Key Questions

Why do some places have special meaning for some traditions?

How does pilgrimage change the pilgrim?

### Key Places

- The Ganges
- Mecca
- Jerusalem
- Lord Shiva
- The Hajj

