

River Bank Primary Knowledge Organiser	Year 6 Autumn 1	Places of Religious Significance	Theme: God and Faith Lens: Ways of Knowing
Key Vocabulary		Important Facts	
Al Aqsa Mosque: a famous mosque located in Jerusalem Hajj: a special journey that Muslims make to the holy city of Mecca Kabaa: a cube-shaped building located in the centre of the Grand Mosque in Mecca Jerusalem: a city in the Middle East that is important to several religions, including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Pilgrimage: a journey to a sacred place for religious reasons River Ganges: a sacred river in India, considered holy by Hindus, who believe it purifies the soul. St Peter's Basilica: a famous church in Vatican City Tawaf: The ritual completed by Muslims when circling the Kaaba The Dome of the Rock: an important Islamic shrine located in Jerusalem The Pope: leader of the Roman Catholic Church based in Vatican City The Temple Mount: a significant religious site in Jerusalem where both Jews and Muslims believe important events took place. Vatican City: an independent city-state which is surrounded by the city of Rome, Italy. It is the spiritual centre of the Roman Catholic Church. Western Wall: an important wall in Jerusalem. It is the last remaining part of the ancient Temple and is a place where many go to pray.		This unit will explore the significance of sacred places in Abrahamic faiths (Christianity, Islam, Judaism) and Hinduism. The unit explores why people visit, how these places connect to their beliefs and practices, and compare features across religions. By the end of the unit, children should be able to: • Explain the importance of pilgrimage to different religions • Identify key features of sacred places in Abrahamic faiths and Hinduism • Analyse religious connections and symbolism within these locations. • Compare and contrast features and purposes of these sacred places • Reflect on the personal and spiritual experiences of pilgrimage Places of Religious Significance: • Christianity, Judaism and Islam: Jerusalem • Islam: Mecca • Hinduism: River Ganges • Roman Catholic church: Vatican City In order to reach their sacred place, some people may need to travel. This is called a pilgrimage. Whilst people's sacred places may be different, they share some important similarities. For example, people of different faiths may share the same reasons for embarking on a pilgrimage. Despite any differences between people's sacred places, it is important to show respect for the beliefs and practices of others	

