

Knowledge Organiser – RE

Big Question: What can we learn about faith and beliefs in our local community?

Key Vocabulary :

Church

Mosque

Gurdwara

Synagogue

Muslims

Faith

Belief

Diversity

Community

Humanism

Hindus

Sikhs

Buddhist

Temple

Sikhism

Place of Origin	The Punjab (Panjab or Panj), an area of Northern India
Founder	Guru Nanak
Sacred Text	Guru Granth Sahib
Sacred Building	Gurdwara
Holy Place	Nankana Sahib, where the founder of the Sikh religion, Guru Nanak Dev was born.
Major Festivals	Hola Mohalla Baisakhi - March/April - New Year's Day Diwali Guru Nanak's Birthday - October/November

Hinduism

Place of Origin	India
Founder	Developed out of Brahminism
Sacred Text	Vedas, Upanishads
Sacred Building	Mandir
Major Festivals	Divali
Holy Place	River Ganges is one of many holy places

Buddhism

Place of Origin	North East India
Founder	Siddhartha Gautama (The Buddha)
Sacred Text	Tripitaka
Sacred Building	Stupa
Major Festivals	Wesak
Main Branches (Denominations)	Theravada, Mahayana, Tibetan, Chinese and Japanese groups including Soto and Zen

Judaism

Place of Origin	Israel
Founder	Abraham
Sacred Text	The TeNaCh (Torah, Nevi'im, Ketuvim)
Sacred Building	Synagogue
Holy Place	Jerusalem
Major Festivals	Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Pesach (Passover), Shavuot (Pentecost), Sukkot (Tabernacles)
Main Branches (Denominations)	Orthodox, Reform, Conservative

Islam

Place of Origin	Saudi Arabia
Founder	Muslims believe in a chain of prophets starting with Adam.
Sacred Text	The Qur'an
Sacred Building	Mosque
Holy Places	Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem
Major Festivals	Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adha

Christianity

Place of Origin	Israel
Founder	Jesus of Nazareth
Sacred Text	The Bible - Old and New Testaments
Sacred Building	Church, Chapel, Cathedral
Holy Places	Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Lourdes (a popular place of pilgrimage), Rome, Canterbury
Major Festivals	Easter, Christmas,
Main Branches (Denominations)	Anglican, Roman Catholic, Free Churches, Orthodox, Reformed,