



Why is it sometimes easier to express our inner feelings through expressive arts?

Applying Past Knowledge: This learning makes links to the learning that you have had about religious practices and places of worship. You will have seen or visited places of worship. This learning also links to those religious stories and songs that have been shared over time.



L1: Why and how do religions use the expressive art?

Sometimes, it is difficult to express how one is feeling using words; therefore, expressive arts can be used to convey a message, a feeling, an emotion or even mysteries.

L2: How are art forms used to express religious beliefs?

Religions use different expressive arts in order to share their beliefs, including: tapestry, dance, pictures, music, paintings, architecture and role-play. Some religions use the arts as a way of showing devotion and worship. For example, in a church you will see lots of pictures of Jesus and his story so that Christians feel the presence all around.

L3: Do all religions use expressive arts to show faith in and belief in the same way?

In Christianity, stained glass windows are used to share the stories about Jesus. In Islam, patterns such as Mendis are used. In Hinduism and Sikhism, dance is an important element of their faith. Some religions also use vibrant colours, such as those colours used in rangoli patterns to celebrate Diwali. Paintings and sculptures of deities or God may also be evident in some religions.



Key Vocabulary

Feelings - an emotional state or reaction.

Emotions - ways to say how we are feeling (love, hate, jealousy, worry).

Expressive Art - different ways we can create art (such as painting, sketching and sculpture) as an act of making one's emotions and views clear.

Ramayana - a story told (Hinduism)

Mysteries - something that may be hard to explain or be sure that definitely occurred.

Appreciation - recognition of the qualities in something or someone

L4: Why can expressive art be a useful way to explain mysteries in life?

L5: Why are expressive arts a useful vehicle for conveying deeply held beliefs and values?

Expressive art allow a person to communicate without necessarily speaking, which can sometimes be easier for a person. The arts are also a way of sharing religious beliefs, ideas and even mysteries. Using images and photographs can be used as a communication tool to share mysteries from the past and allow people to construct and piece together information.

