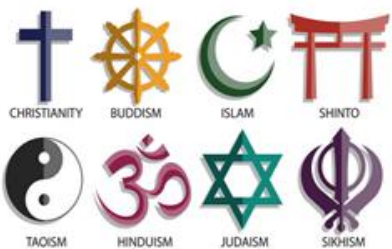


Meaning of signs and symbols in religion

We will be exploring and investigating?

- How the meanings contained in stories, objects and signs are an important part of religious beliefs.
- What the **symbols** of a rainbow, a dove and an olive branch mean in connection to the story of Noah's ark.
- Know how to explain **literal and non-literal (idioms)** meanings, how to use **similes** to describe emotions and how **metaphors** can describe beliefs
- Know to consider God as **multifaceted** and talk about how people have different sides to their characters and enjoy doing different things.
- How to identify **symbolic actions** and suggest their meaning and how to compare and contrast the ways in which ideas about God are expressed symbolically in Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.



Word Bank

signs	symbols	symbolic	origin
religion	Christianity	Hinduism	Judaism
Islamic	special	reminder	literal
ascribed	contrast	expressed	metaphor
simile	multifaceted	characteristics	

Symbolic- where an image, object or idea is used to represent something else.

Literal-when something is emphasised as true.

Metaphor- a way of describing something by comparing it with something else that has some of the same qualities:

Multifaceted- to have lots of different sides, features, abilities, elements or parts.

Characteristics- to have a special quality and appearance different to others.

Significance- something that is important to an individual or group of people.