Knowledge Organiser		
Year: 4 RE Symbols and Religious expression 4.2	**Term: Autumn 2**	**Topic: Into the Jungle**

Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage is a journey to a religious place. It is different to going on holiday. People make the journey for different reasons because they want to give thanks to God, ask for help or to say sorry and ask for forgiveness.



Lourdes is place in France that is special for some Christians (Catholics). The famous spring water at Lourdes is believed to be miraculous. People drink in it and bathe in it. Many people have had illnesses cured.

Humanists

Some people are not religious but find inspiration in places of natural beauty. E.g. Waterfalls, sea, forests, or in ancient buildings.

Whilst in a spiritual place, some people may listen to music, read poetry, look at art or nature, etc.



Stonehenge in Wiltshire is one of Britain's most special sites.

Hajj

Muslims follow the Five Pillars of Islam which are rules to live a good Muslim life. One of these rules is going on a pilgrimage to Mecca, in Saudi Arabia (5th pillar).

This pilgrimage is called Hajj and all Muslims are expected to make this special journey at least once in life if they can.

Mecca is where Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was born, making it a very special place.

In Mecca there is a huge mosque called Grand Mosque which only Muslims are allowed to enter.

Inside the mosque is a stone building covered in black cloth which is seen as the holiest place in the world for Muslims. This building is called the Kaaba.

Muslim face the mosque when praying, no matter where they are in the world.

Learning Objectives	
Lesson 1	I can explain the purpose of a pilgrimage and why Christian people sometimes visit Lourdes.
Lesson 2	I can explain the importance of Muslim pilgrimage.
Lesson 3	I can explain the importance of Hindu pilgrimage.
Lesson 4	I can explain how non-religious sites can be spiritual and important to different groups of people.
Lesson 5	I can show what I have learnt.

Kumbh Mela

The most famous Hindu pilgrimage is the Kumbh Mela which takes place at the River Ganges. The festival celebrates the victory of Gods over demons.

A pilgrimage can help Hindus by connecting them with Brahman- God of Creation.

People bathe in the river to remove bad Karma and to protect them future evil.

The atmosphere is fantastic, and people are full of energy. There are camels and elephants and lots of music and dancing.







Hajj at Mecca