

# Newall Green Primary School – Year 3 Knowledge Organiser – Spring 1

## Subject: R.E. Topic: Why do people pray?

### What I should already know:

- How people of different religions, such as Christianity and Judaism, show their beliefs.
- That religious people have special celebrations linked to their religious beliefs and that these celebrations have differences and similarities.
- How and why people celebrate special times, like the Christian celebration of Christmas and the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

**Important Places:** many religious people meet together at specific buildings to take part in collective prayer. **Christians** meet in **Churches**, **Muslims** meet in **Mosques** and **Jewish** people meet in **Synagogues**. This term, Year 3 will visit the Manchester Jewish Museum and see how Jewish people pray.



### Key ideas to retain

- Understand the similarities between how people of different faiths, such as Christian, Muslim and Jewish people pray.
- What does it mean for Christian, Muslim and Jewish people to belong to a faith community.
- What prayer is, how people pray and why it is important to people of faith to pray.
- The meanings behind specific rituals and routines that people of different faiths follow when they pray.



### Key Vocabulary

**Prayer** – A way that religious believers communicate with God.

**Five Pillars of Islam** – the five duties that all Muslims are expected to follow to live good lives and become closer to God.

**The Lord's Prayer** – the prayer that Christians believe Jesus taught his followers when they asked how they should pray.

**The Shema** – one of the most important parts of the Torah and a short prayer that Jewish people recite to declare their faith.

**Kippah** – a skull cap worn by Jewish men while they pray.

**Ka'aba** – a black building in Mecca, the birthplace of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad. Muslims face towards the Ka'aba while they pray.

