Religious Education Y6 Autumn Term I

How can music and the arts express religious beliefs?

Knowledge

- Christianity has inspired many artists.
- The arts are a means of expression, including religious expression.
- The arts contribute to Christian worship.
- Churches have the altar in the east so that the congregation is facing Jerusalem; the porch is in the west.
- Churches are often cruciform, to express God's love and Jesus' sacrifice, with a large central aisle (the nave).
- The size and scale of church architecture expresses God's almighty power.
- High ceilings, columns, arches, spires and domes express the idea of being close to God above.
- Windows allow light in as a manifestation of God to express His omnipresence.
- Churches are often ornately decorated to express that God is worthy of praise.
- Stained-glass windows were introduced to spread the messages of the Bible when the masses were illiterate.
- The Trinity is the concept that there is one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Vocabulary

altar = the table in a Christian church used as a focus for worship and communion
architecture = the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings
chancel = the part of the church for the vicar and choir, often separated by steps/screens
congregation = a group of people gathered for religious worship
cruciform = cross-shaped
illiterate = unable to read or write
Jerusalem = a holy city for Christians, location of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection
Latin = the language of the Ancient Roman Empire, traditionally the language or scholarship
manifestation = an event or object that symbolises the appearance of something abstract
nave = the central part of a church, often with an aisle, for the congregation
omnipotent = all-powerful (having unlimited power)
omnipresent = present everywhere at the same time
redeem(er) = to atone for or save from past wrong-doing (Christ)
The Vatican = the city state in Rome which, the centre of the Catholic branch of Christianity
Trinity = the three persons of the Christian Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit









