



# Year 3 – Autumn 1 – Tribal Tales

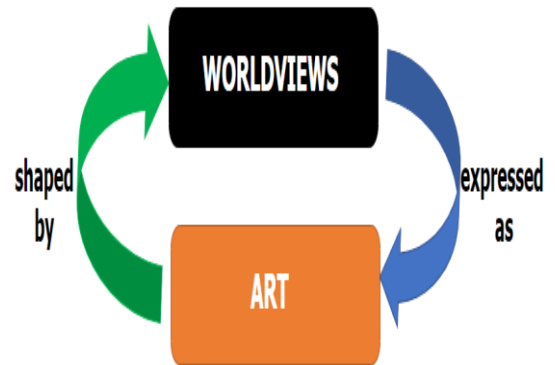
## How are religions and worldviews shaped and expressed through art and architecture?

This unit focuses on the children being theologians and human scientists. They will look at a variety of art and architecture across a range of religions and worldviews, thinking about the symbols and imagery that is used.

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### Key Questions

- Can religion and worldviews be shared using art and architecture?
- Can a building represent a theological idea?
- How are ideas about Allah represented in Islamic art and architecture?
- Can dance represent religious ideas?
- Why are sacred buildings so important to communities?
- How do symbols communicate worldviews?



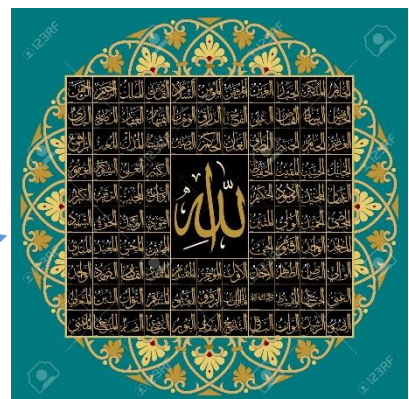
### Key Vocabulary

Icon	A painting of a holy figure
Worldview	A particular way to live according to a religion, belief or philosophy
Represent	How a view is expressed or shown
Mosque	A Muslim place of worship
Synagogue	A Jewish place of worship
Cathedral/Church	Christian places of worship
Theological	The study of religion



An example of an icon from the Byzantine era.

An example of Islamic art and calligraphy



## **Architecture:**

Religious buildings have imagery and symbols which show different worldviews, such as reconciliation, the battle between good and evil and the need for peace. They also have beautiful examples of art, including paintings, calligraphy, stained glass, sculpture and carvings.



## **Sufi dancing:**

Sufism is a branch of Islam. Sufi dance, also known as Sama, holds deep spiritual significance within the Sufi tradition. The main purpose of Sufi dance is to achieve a state of deep spiritual joy and union with God.



## **Suggested Homework Projects**

1. Visit a local religious building and see what you can see in the art and architecture. You could sketch something you find interesting, do a rubbing or take some photos to show in school.
2. Choreograph your own dance routine to express your views.
3. Create your own piece of artwork which shows your religious or worldviews