



Subject Theme Overview **Year 3** **Charlton Kings Junior School**

Subject R.E. **Theme** How and why do people try to make the world a better place? **Term** 6

What should I already know?

I will already have learnt about:

- Some people pray to their God to ask for forgiveness for their sins.
- Christians believe God helps them through the Holy Spirit
- Muslims believe people do good and bad deeds, God’s mercy is needed.

What should I know by the end of the unit?

I will be able to:

Make sense of beliefs:

- Identify some beliefs about why the world is not always a good place.
- Make links between religious beliefs and teachings and why people try to live and make the world a better place.

Understand the impact:

- Make simple links between teachings about how to live and ways in which people try to make the world a better place (e.g. tikkun clam).
- Describe some examples of how people try to live.
- Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into action.

Make connections

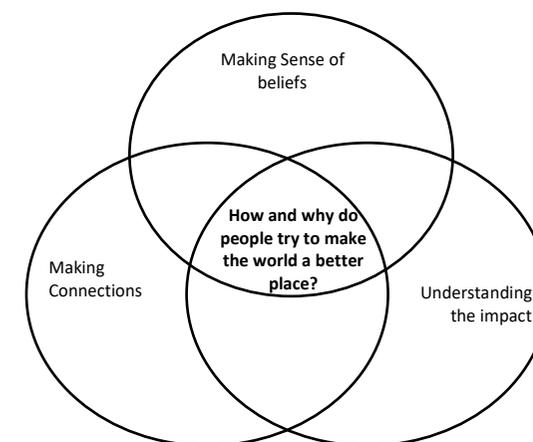
- Raise questions and suggest answers about why the world is not always a good place, and what are the best ways of making it better.
- Make links between some commands for living from religious traditions, non-religious worldviews and pupils’ own ideas.
- Express their own ideas about the best ways to make the world a better place, giving good reasons for their views.

What will I learn about?

I will learn about:

- Problems that exist in the world.
- Religions suggesting people need help and guidance to live the right way. E.g., The Ten Commandments
- Many different religions teach a version of ‘The Golden Rule’: Treat others how you would like to be treated.
- The Jewish teaching of tikkun olam (mending the world).
- The lives of inspirational Christians and their contribution to the world e.g., Martin Luther King
- The Muslim belief in charity (Zakah).
- Non-religious ways of ‘being good without God’.
- Ways to make the world a better place and values that are important in their own lives. For example: love, forgiveness, honesty, kindness, generosity and service.

How do these ideas work together?



Key Vocabulary	
Deeds	Something that is done. These can be good or bad.
Values	Principles or standards of behaviour
The Golden Rule	Treat others how you would like to be treated.
The Ten Commandments	Laws that God gave to the ancient nation of Israel. They are a central part of Judaism and Christianity.
Tikkun olam	A Jewish concept defined by acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world.
Tzedaka	A Hebrew word meaning "justice" or "righteousness," but commonly used to signify charity
Zakah	A charitable donation given by Muslims to help the poor.