Forming questions

Encourage pupils to be curious!

Teachers may wish to use this list of question starters / prompts to support pupils in framing their questions for research

- Why was...?
- What was..... e.g. ...on his head? the boss man called in....?
- Why do they have... e.g ...candles?
- Why did she say ..... e.g... it gave her comfort...?
- What goes on in/at .... church/ mosque/ synagogue? ...Christmas/ Passover?
- I wonder what .... e.g.... kind of music they have? .. what sort of food Jews/ Muslims/ Christians eat?
- Does everyone..... e.g...pray?...wear special clothes?
- What do people say/do... e.g. when they pray? ...when they attend their place of worship?
- Why do churches / mosques / synagogues have...... bells? ...a tower? .. a star?
- Why do people ..... e.g...get on the floor to pray? ....stand up to sing? ... make the sign of the cross?
- What is... e.g praying? ....worshipping? ....believing? ... faith?
- In the church/ mosque/ synagogue there is an ... aisle, cross, I wonder what the other ones have?
- I want to know more about... art, music, dress, food, books, people, jewellery, statues, objects, journeys. Festivals, stories, games ....in religion