

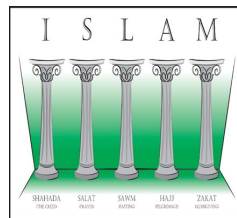
Exploring Islam



This Religious Education unit follows on from previous studies of special books in Year 1 and what does it mean to be a Muslim in Year 2. This unit will deepen the children's understanding of how Muslim traditions help them to stay faithful to Allah. They will learn about the importance of worship, prayer, the mosque, the Qur'an, the festival of Ramadan and the five pillars of Islam.

Key knowledge

- Muslims are people who follow Islam. Islam is one of the world's major religions.
- Muslims believe in one god 'Allah' who created everything.
- Muslims believe in a messenger of Allah called Mohammed (peace be upon him) who founded the faith of Islam over 1,400 years ago.
- The five pillars of Islam for Muslims are the behaviours and beliefs by which Muslims must live their life.
- Prayer and prayer rituals are important to Muslims.
- Ramadan helps Muslims to stay faithful to Allah.
- The holy book in Islam is called the Qur'an.
- The Mosque is the centre of the Muslim community.



Links with other religions

Similar to Islam, fasting is mentioned in the Holy Scriptures of Judaism. Fasting is also an important element of Christian faith as they fast for (Lent) which is forty days before Easter.

Both Judaism and Islam share a belief that Abraham/Ibrahim is the founder of their people and share a similar story of God testing his faith.

Christians, Jews and Muslims all share a similar creation story.

Key Vocabulary

Tradition - Custom or practice carried out by families often passed down from generation to generation.

Ramadan - The ninth month of the Muslim year, during which strict fasting is observed from dawn to dusk.

Shahadah - The first pillar of Islam- Faith- there is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger.

Salah - The second pillar of Islam—The performance of the five daily prayers.

Zakah - The third pillar of Islam—The paying of alms or charity tax to benefit others.

Sawm - The fourth pillar of Islam—Fasting during the holy month of Ramadan.

Hajj - The fifth pillar of Islam— The Pilgrimage to Mecca.

Wudu - Ritual washing to be performed in preparation for prayer and worship.

Mosque - A place of worship for Muslims.

Personal Reflection

Do you prayer or reflect or meditate? If you do, how often do you do this?

Do you have a place of worship? How is it similar or different to a Mosque?

What daily rituals do you have in your own life? Why?

Do you have any important traditions passed down to you?

Which charities do you support? Why?

Have you ever given anything up? Why?