

Phase: 3/4

Subject: RE

Focus: Islam

Term: Autumn

**What I should already know?**

I know that there are 6 main religions in the world.  
 I know about some religious ceremonies and festivals.  
 I can talk about some religious beliefs.

**Vocabulary**

<b>Islam</b>	Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.
<b>Muslim</b>	A follower of the religion of Islam.
<b>Allah</b>	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
<b>Five Pillars of Islam</b>	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
<b>Prophets</b>	Special messengers sent from Allah.
<b>Muhammed</b>	The last prophet and the key prophet in Islam.
<b>Mecca</b>	Mecca is an important place to Muslims. It is where Muhammed was born. Muslims face Mecca to pray and try to visit it sometime during their lives.
<b>Hajj</b>	The name Muslims give to the special pilgrimage to Mecca.
<b>The Qur'an</b>	The holy book of Islam.
<b>Ramadan</b>	A Muslim festival where Muslims fast during the daylight and only eat after the sun has set.
<b>Fast</b>	A period of time when Muslims do not eat.
<b>Mosque</b>	Muslim place of worship.
<b>Pilgrimage</b>	A journey to a special place of religious meaning.

**Knowledge**

Muslims believe that there is only one God called Allah. They believe Allah is the only ruler of the universe. The word 'Islam' means submission and obedience to Allah.

Muhammad is so highly respected by Muslims that they will say "peace be upon him" after his name is spoken.

**Place of worship**

The Muslim place of worship is called a mosque. Services are held in mosques every day. The most important service for Muslims is on a Friday. Mosques often have a domed roof. There are no images of people or animals in mosques. They are decorated with patterns and words from the Qur'an. Muslims take off their shoes before going into the mosque and wash before they pray. Muslims pray kneeling on the floor on a prayer mat. The wall of the mosque which faces Mecca is called the qibla wall. It has an empty arch to show the direction of Mecca.

**The Qur'an**

The Muslim holy book is called the Qur'an. Muslims believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.



**Festivals**

The main Muslim festivals are: Ramadan, Eid-al-Fitr, Eid-al-Adha, Dhu al-Hijja. During Ramadan, Muslims try to give up bad habits and become better Muslims by praying more

**The Six Main Beliefs**

1. Belief in **Allah** as the one and only God.
2. Belief in angels.
3. Belief in the holy books.
4. Belief in the **prophets** and that **Muhammad** was the final **prophet**.
5. Belief in the Day of Judgement (the day when **Allah** decides if a person goes to heaven or hell).
6. Belief in predestination (the belief that **Allah** has already planned out what will happen).

**The Five Pillars of Islam**

As well as the six main beliefs, there are **Five Pillars of Islam**.

**Shahadah:** **Muslims** say a declaration of faith.

**Salah:** **Muslims** pray five times a day. Before prayer, they must wash themselves and then face **Mecca** whilst praying.

**Zakat:** **Muslims** must donate to charities.

**Sawm:** **Muslims** fast for one month during a time called **Ramadan**.

**Hajj:** **Muslims** have to travel to **Mecca** once in their lifetime, if they can afford to.

**By the end of the unit I should know...**

- To know who founded the Muslim faith.
- To explain the key beliefs held by Muslims.
- To talk about the main features in a Muslim place of worship.
- To explain the main Muslim festivals.
- To explain what the Muslim holy book is and how it is used.
- To know the main symbol associated with Islam.



