

Overview:

During this sequence of learning, pupils will study the religion of Islam. Pupils will explore the nature of Allah and what the key beliefs of a Muslim are.

What should I already know?

- Islam
- Islam is one of the world religions. It is a religion that believes in one God called Allah
 - People that follow the religion of Islam are called Muslims.
 - Muslims believe that Muhammad is a messenger of Allah (God).
 - Muslims worship in mosques. Muslims often call the mosque by its Arabic name - Masjid.
 - The Muslim holy book is called the Qur'an.
 - Eid al Fitr is a very important festival for Muslims.
 - It is known as 'The Feast of Breaking the Fast' and is celebrated at the end of Ramadan.
 - At Eid al-Fitr, Muslims wear their best clothes, decorate their homes and spend time with their families and friends.
 - Some Muslims give money to the poor so that they can enjoy the day too.

Vocabulary:

Islam	A religion founded by Muhammad - followed by Muslims.
Allah	Arabic term for God.
Muhammad	Religious leader and the person who started Islam. He lived from A.D. 570 to A.D. 632.
Qur'an	The Qur'an, sometimes spelled Koran, is the holy book of Islam. It is considered by Muslims to be "The Word of Allah (God)".
Five Pillars	These are the five basic rules in Islam that all Muslims must follow.
Supreme	Having the highest rank, position.
Eternal	Seeming to have no end or to go on forever.
Omniscient	All-knowing.
Omnipotent	All-powerful.
Tawhid	Only one God exists.
Shahada	Saying and believing that you are a 'witness' in the oneness of God and in Muhammad.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- Islam
- Muslims believe that there is one God called Allah
 - Tawhid is the belief that Allah is the one God.
 - Muslims give Allah characteristics to be able to talk about him and try to overcome the difficulties of not being able to know or describe him.
 - Muslims believe that Muhammed was the messenger and prophet of Allah.
 - The key beliefs about the nature of Allah are contained in the Qur'an.
 - The five pillars are 5 things that Muslims can do to live a good and responsible life.

- The first pillar of Islam is called Shahada. It is a declaration of faith that Muslims make when they enter the religion.
- When a Muslim recites the Shadada they are saying that they believe there is only one God and that Muhammad is the prophet of God.

Eid al-Fitr

Muslim holiday celebrated when Ramadan, the month of fasting, finishes. Eid ul-Fitr lasts three days.

Mosque

A Muslim place of worship.



Mecca

The religious capital of Saudi Arabia and the Muslim world.