

## RE Year 5

### What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

#### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

Allah	Arabic word for God. In Islam, Allah is the absolute one; unique, all powerful, all knowing.	Muslim	Someone who follows the teachings of Islam.
Five Pillars	Basic acts of Islam, considered essential by believers.	Prophet Muhammad	Allah's final messenger/prophet. Proclaimer of the will of Allah.
Hadith	Record of the words, actions and sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).	Qur'an	Islamic sacred book. Believed to be the word of Allah as dictated to Muhammad.
Ibadah	Arabic word meaning service.	Sunni/Shi'a/Sufi	Different denominations (groups) of Muslims.
Islam	Second largest religion in the world, founded by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).	Surah	A chapter of the Qur'an. There are 114 Surahs in the Qur'an altogether.
Mosque	Muslim place of worship.	Tawhid	Belief that God is One and Single.

#### **Important Information**

- Muslims believe in Allah as the one true God. They use 99 names for Allah to understand him better.
- They believe that Muhammad is God's messenger.
- There are five pillars in Islam (profession of faith, prayer, charity, fasting, pilgrimage).

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<b>Muslims in the UK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many Muslims in Britain today were born in Britain (47%).</li> <li>• There are around 1.9 billion Muslims worldwide out of a global population of over 7 billion. This makes Islam the world's second biggest religion after Christianity (2.4 billion).</li> <li>• There are two main groups of Muslims, Sunni (around 90% of Muslims) and Shi'a. The main difference is around which leader should have followed on from the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).</li> <li>• In the West Midlands (our area) there are over 300,000 Muslims</li> </ul>
<b>Five Pillars of Islam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The five pillars of Islam are essentials of the life of a Muslim. They are an expression of ibadah (worship and belief in action). The five pillars provide a structure for Islamic daily spiritual life. The five pillars of Islam are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Shahadah</b> - a belief in one God and Muhammad as God's Messenger</li> <li>o <b>Salah</b> - prayer, five times a day</li> <li>o <b>Sawm</b> - fasting during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan</li> <li>o <b>Zakat</b> - the giving of alms</li> <li>o <b>Hajj</b> - pilgrimage to Makkah (or Mecca)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• These affect the life of a Muslim moment by moment (Shahadah), daily (Salah), annually (Zakat, Sawm) and once in a lifetime (Hajj).</li> </ul>
<b>Prayer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muslims pray to worship God, because he is Creator and has no equal.</li> <li>• Muslims recite set prayers silently during salah.</li> <li>• Muslims also pray together in the mosque, led by an imam (Muslim leader) who leads the people in the rak'ahs (prayer positions). There is a call to prayer from the mosque 5 times a day.</li> <li>• Muslims perform ritual washing before prayer and face towards Mecca.</li> <li>• Not all Muslims are the same, so there is variation in how they pray.</li> </ul>



One of the 99 names for Allah written in arabic



The symbol for Islam. The crescent and star

<b>Ramadan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramadan is the busiest time of the year in every mosque. It is the month in which the revelation of the Qur'an began.</li> <li>• The main period of fasting happens during the month of Ramadan. Muslims go without food and water during the daylight hours for this month.</li> <li>• Fasting helps Muslims to appreciate how poor people suffer. It also concentrates the mind on what it means to be a Muslim and obey the commands of Allah. It helps to build discipline into the life of a Muslim.</li> <li>• Every night during Ramadan, there is an additional prayer (taraweeh) after the last of the 5 daily salahs. During these prayers, each lasting about an hour, recitation of the whole Qur'an is completed during the month.</li> <li>• A charity collection takes place every night before the start of prayer.</li> <li>• Eid-ul-Fitr, a festival at the end of Ramadan, is a day of celebration, happiness and forgiveness.</li> </ul>
<b>The Qur'an</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muslims get their good advice from a variety of sources including;  <b>The Qur'an:</b> Muslims believe the words came directly from Allah and that they should follow the words and instructions of the Qur'an exactly. They also look to <b>Hadith:</b> words, actions and instructions of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as reported by the people around him during his life.</li> <li>• Muslims believe that the words of the Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) through the Angel Jibril (Gabriel) in the desert near Makkah over 1,400 years ago.</li> <li>• They believe that the Qur'an is God's final message to humanity.</li> <li>• The Qur'an is kept on a high shelf and Muslims wash before handling it.</li> <li>• It is written in the Arabic language.</li> </ul>
<b>Mosques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A mosque is a building where Muslims can come together to pray. Anywhere a Muslim chooses for prayer is believed to become a mosque for that time.</li> <li>• Features on the outside of the mosque include a minaret and a dome.</li> <li>• The most important part of a mosque is the hall where people pray.</li> <li>• Mosques have no pictures or statues. Instead they are usually decorated with Islamic art and geometric patterns.</li> <li>• There are a number of different ways that respect is shown to Allah, the Prophet Muhammad and the holy Qur'an. These include: removing shoes, washing before prayer, having a clean prayer mat, bowing to Allah, raising the Qur'an above ground and doing the daily prayers observantly. Some signs of respect are in the heart or mind: sincere intentions, dutiful obedience, submission.</li> </ul>



**Birmingham  
Central Mosque**



**The Qur'an  
and Prayer  
Beads**



**What should I be able to do by the end of this unit of work?**

- Give some facts about Muslims in the UK.
- Identify key beliefs about Allah and the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), referring to the Qur'an.
- Explain the Five Pillars of Islam.
- Discuss why charity is important to Muslims, making links with your own beliefs.

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