

Our **RE** topic for this term is **ISLAM**. Here is a knowledge organiser to help you understand the key beliefs. Our comprehension work over the next few weeks will also help you to gain some understanding of our featured religion. Below are some links to helpful videos.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-my-life-my-religion-islam/znm47h>

ISLAM KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Key Vocabulary	
Islam	Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam .
Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
Five Pillars of Islam	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
Prophets	Special messengers sent from Allah .
Muhammad	The last prophet and the key prophet in Islam .



Key Beliefs
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.

The Six Main Beliefs	The Five Pillars of Islam
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	<p>As well as the six main beliefs, there are Five Pillars of Islam.</p> <p>Shahadah: Muslims say a declaration of faith.</p> <p>Salah: Muslims pray five times a day. Before prayer, they must wash themselves and then face Mecca whilst praying.</p> <p>Zakat: Muslims must donate to charities.</p> <p>Sawm: Muslims fast for one month during a time called Ramadan.</p> <p>Hajj: Muslims have to travel to Mecca once in their lifetime, if they can afford to.</p>

Key Vocabulary	
Mecca	Mecca is an important place to Muslims . It is where Muhammad was born. Muslims face Mecca to pray and try to visit it sometime during their lives.
Hajj	The name Muslims give to the special pilgrimage to Mecca .
The Qur'an	The holy book of Islam .
Ramadan	A Muslim festival where Muslims fast during the daylight and only eat after the sun has set.
fast	A period of time when Muslims do not eat.
mosque	Muslim place of worship.
pilgrimage	A journey to a special place of religious meaning.

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.

Symbol of Islam

There is no official symbol of **Islam**, but the star and crescent symbol is the symbol most commonly associated with Islam.



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.



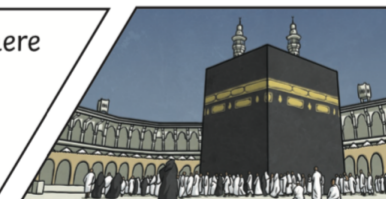
Eid al-Fitr

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.

Muslim Festivals

Mecca

Mecca is an important place to **Muslims**. It is where **Muhammad** was born and the direction that **Muslims** face when they pray five times a day. **Muslims** are expected to make a **pilgrimage** to **Mecca** once in their lifetime.



Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, when Muslims fast between sunrise and sunset every day. Fasting during Ramadan is the fourth pillar of Islam. There are five pillars, which help guide Muslims to put their faith into action.

Ramadan is called the month of the Qu'ran.



The Qu'ran

The Qu'ran is the holy book of Islam.

The Five Pillars of Islam

The Five Pillars of Islam are five obligations which Muslims must carry out in order to live a good life according to Islam.

Fasting during Ramadan

Fasting means not eating food or drink during daylight hours. It is common to have one meal just before the sun rises and another meal directly after the sun has set.

Fasting is important to Muslims as a sign of self-discipline and generosity. It is also a time to think of those who do not have enough to eat and often go hungry.



Muslims believe:

- that their good actions bring greater reward during this month than at any other time of the year;
- that it is easier to do good during Ramadan;
- that they should try to give up bad habits during Ramadan;
- that they will become better Muslims by praying more and reading the Qu'ran.

A social occasion

Ramadan is a time to get together with family and friends. The fast is broken each evening by sharing a meal. The end of Ramadan is an important religious holiday. The celebration is called Eid al-Fitr. Eid al-Fitr means 'festival of the breaking of the fast'.



Did you know?

Those who are ill, elderly or pregnant are not expected to fast during Ramadan.



Questions

1. Ramadan is: Tick one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The fourth month of the Islamic calendar. | <input type="checkbox"/> The fifth pillar of Islam. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The ninth month of the Islamic calendar. | <input type="checkbox"/> The third pillar of Islam. |

2. How do Muslims know when to fast during Ramadan?

3. Match up these sentences.

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| Muslims fast | is a holy book. |
| The Five Pillars of Islam | when it is Ramadan. |
| The Qu'ran | guide Muslims to live a good life. |

4. Which word closely matches the meaning of 'obligations'. Tick one.

- Outcomes
- Duties
- Necessary
- Tasks

5. Write three things you are told about fasting.

6. Write 'true' or 'false' beside the following statements.

Rewrite any false statement to be true.

Muslims believe that Ramadan is a time to do good. _____

Muslims believe it is harder to do good during Ramadan. _____

Muslims believe that they will gain no reward for doing good deeds during Ramadan.

Muslims believe that praying more will make them better Muslims. _____

Questions

7. Name one other practice that Muslims believe will help them be a better person, during Ramadan.

8. Explain what self-discipline is and how Ramadan is a time to practise this skill.

9. Explain in detail, how the end of Ramadan is celebrated?

Answers

1. Ramadan is: (tick one)

- The fourth month of the Islamic calendar. The fifth pillar of Islam.
 The ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The third pillar of Islam.

2. How do Muslims know when to fast during Ramadan?

Muslims fast for the length of time after sunrise and before sunset, during Ramadan.

3. Match up these sentences.

Muslims fast ~~is a holy book.~~
 The Five Pillars of Islam ~~when it is Ramadan.~~
 The Qu'ran ~~guide Muslims to live a good life.~~

4. Which word closely matches the meaning of 'obligations'. Tick one.

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5. Write three things you are told about fasting.

Answers may vary, though should include: a sign of self-discipline and generosity. It is also a time to think of those who do not have enough to eat and often go hungry.

6. Write 'true' or 'false' beside the following statements.

Rewrite any false statement to be true.

Muslims believe that Ramadan is a time to do good. **True.**

Muslims believe it is harder to do good during Ramadan. **False. Muslims believe it is easier to do good during Ramadan.**

Muslims believe that they will gain no reward for doing good deeds during Ramadan.

False. Muslims believe that their good actions will bring greater reward during Ramadan.

Muslims believe that praying more will make them better Muslims. **True.**

7. Name one other practice that Muslims believe will help them be a better person, during Ramadan. **Muslims believe that reading the Qu'ran during Ramadan will help them be a better person.**

Answers

8. Explain what self-discipline is and how Ramadan is a time to practise this skill.

Self-discipline is when you show self-control and you try hard not to do something you really want to do. Ramadan is a time to practise this skill because Muslims have to show self-discipline by not eating or drinking during the day.

9. Explain in detail, how the end of Ramadan is celebrated?

The end of Ramadan is celebrated with Eid al-Fitr which means the 'breaking of the fast' and a big meal is shared with family and friends.