

# Religious Education – World Religion – Islam

Our Key Question – ‘Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/her everyday life?’

Questions we wanted to ask, at the start of our learning journey



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

Key Vocabulary	
<b>Mecca</b>	<b>Mecca</b> is an important place to <b>Muslims</b> . It is where <b>Muhammad</b> was born. <b>Muslims</b> face <b>Mecca</b> to pray and try to visit it sometime during their lives.
<b>Hajj</b>	The name <b>Muslims</b> give to the special pilgrimage to <b>Mecca</b> .
<b>The Qur’an</b>	The holy book of <b>Islam</b> .
<b>mosque</b>	<b>Muslim</b> place of worship.

Symbol of Islam
There is no official symbol of <b>Islam</b> , but the star and crescent symbol is the symbol most commonly associated with Islam.



Key Beliefs
<b>Muslims</b> believe that there is only one God called <b>Allah</b> . They believe <b>Allah</b> is the only ruler of the universe. The word ‘ <b>Islam</b> ’ means submission and obedience to <b>Allah</b> .

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



## We will be learning

- That Muslims believe in Allah as one true God. Muslims believe:
- That Allah is a compassionate God.
  - That as Allah is compassionate, Muslims should be too.
  - That Muhammad is an example for all Muslims to follow.
  - Allah wants Muslims to look after all living creatures.

## 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 <b>Muslim</b> holy book is called <b>the Qur’an</b> . <b>Muslims</b> believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.

