



RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Islam

Key knowledge:

- Muslims believe that there is only one God called Allah. They believe Allah is the only ruler of the universe.
- Muhammad is also important person in Islam and is so highly respected by Muslims that they will say "peace be upon him" after his name is spoken.
- There are six main beliefs that Muslims follow: **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).
- 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 and then face Mecca whilst praying. **Zakat:** Donating to charities. **Sawm:** Fasting for one month during Ramadan. **Hajj:** When Muslims travel to Mecca.
- The Muslim place of worship is called a mosque. 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 Muslim holy book is called the Qur'an. Muslims believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.
- 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.

Key vocabulary:

Islam - Islam is the second largest 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.

Mecca - It is where Muhammad was born. Muslims face Mecca to pray and try to visit on a pilgrimage 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.

star and crescent	The Qur'an	Mosque	Hajj	5 pillars of Islam	prayer mat
					