

Year 5 – What does it mean to be a Muslim?

Religions and worldviews: Muslims

Key Questions

What helps you through the journey of life? What helps Muslims through the journey of life?
 What is the key belief of Muslims? How does this affect their life?
 Why does prayer matter to Muslims?
 How is charity important to Muslims? How is charity important to you?
 Why do Muslims fast?
 Why do Muslims want to go on pilgrimage?
 Can you think of similar commitments to the five pillars in your life? What matters to Muslims?

By the end of the topic you will learn to:

- Share a rich knowledge of the 5 Pillars to make connections between Muslim practice of the Five Pillars and their beliefs about God and the Prophet Muhammad.
- Describe and reflect on the significance of the Holy Qur'an to Muslims.
- Describe the forms of guidance a Muslim uses and compare them to forms of guidance experienced by the pupils.
- Make connections between the key functions of the mosque and the beliefs of Muslims.

Key facts

The 5 pillars are an expression of ibadah (worship and belief in action). The five pillars of Islam provide a structure for Islamic daily spiritual life.

The five pillars of Islam are shahadah - a belief in one God, salah - prayer, five times a day, sawm- fasting in the month of Ramadan, hajj - pilgrimage and zakah- the giving of alms (money, food or other goods given to people living in poverty).

Rek'ah – prayer position.

The main period of fasting happens during the month of Ramadan. Fasting helps Muslims to appreciate how poor people suffer.

Muslims receive good advice from the Qur'an and Hadiths.



Key Vocabulary

Allah	The Shahadah says 'I witness that there is no other God but Allah'. The Arabic word for God.
Five Pillars	The Five Pillars are the core beliefs and practices of Islam.
Hadith	Words, actions and instructions of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as reported by the people around him during his life.
Ibadah	Worship and belief in action.
Qu'uran	The sacred book in Islam.
Shahadah	Belief in one God and his Prophet.
Surah	A chapter in the Qur'an. There are 114 surahs in the Qur'an

