

Year 8 Religious Education

Knowledge Organiser: Islam



Aspirational Vocabulary

Term	Definition
Islam	A monotheistic religion founded by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the 7th century CE.
Muslim	A follower of Islam.
Qur'an	The holy book of Islam, believed to be the word of God as revealed to Muhammad (pbuh).
Mosque	A place of worship for Muslims.
Five Pillars	Five basic acts of worship and commitment in Islam.
Shahadah	The declaration of faith: 'There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger'.
Salah	Daily prayer, performed five times a day by Muslims.
Zakah	Charitable giving to support those in need.
Sawm	Fasting during the month of Ramadan.
Hajj	A pilgrimage to Mecca that Muslims aim to undertake at least once in their lifetime.

Introduction to Islam

- Islam is a monotheistic religion followed by over a billion people worldwide.
- Muslims believe in one God (Allah) and follow the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).
- Islam teaches peace, compassion, justice, and submission to the will of Allah.

The Five Pillars of Islam

- These are five acts of worship central to Muslim life:
 - Shahadah – Faith; 2) Salah – Prayer; 3) Zakah – Charity; 4) Sawm – Fasting; 5) Hajj – Pilgrimage.
- They help Muslims grow spiritually and support the community.

Modesty in Islam

- Modesty is an important value in Islam, applying to dress, speech, and behaviour.
- Both men and women are encouraged to dress modestly and act with dignity.
- This reflects respect for oneself and others, and devotion to God.

What is the Qur'an?

- The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam, revealed to Muhammad (pbuh) by the Angel Jibril (Gabriel).
- It is written in Arabic and contains guidance on how to live a good life.

- Muslims believe it is the literal word of God and treat it with great respect.

The Mosque

- A mosque is a place where Muslims gather to pray, learn, and build community.
- Friday is the main day of communal prayer (Jumu'ah).
- Mosques often include a prayer hall, washing area (wudu), and space for study and reflection.

Who was the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)?

- Muhammad (pbuh) was born in Mecca around 570 CE and received God's revelation at age 40.
- He is seen as the final prophet and a role model for Muslims.
- He promoted social justice, care for the poor, and the worship of one God.

How do mainstream Muslims respond to violent fundamentalist groups?

- Mainstream Muslims strongly reject violence and terrorism.
- Islam teaches peace, compassion, and respect for all life.
- Muslim leaders and communities often speak out against extremist groups and promote peaceful understanding of Islam.

Big Questions

- 1) What are the key beliefs and practices in Islam?
- 2) Why is the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) so important to Muslims?
- 3) How do the Five Pillars support the Islamic way of life?
- 4) How do Muslims show respect for their religion and others?
- 5) What is the Islamic view on peace and violence in the world today?

5 Pillars of Islam

