



Keyingham Graduate Award – RE (Year 3)

Islam

What is Islam?

The word 'Islam' in Arabic means submission to the will of God.

Followers of Islam are called Muslims. Muslims believe there is one true God Allah (the Arabic word for God).

[What is Islam? - BBC Bitesize](#)

What do Muslims believe?

Muslims believe that Islam was revealed over 1,400 years ago in Mekkah, Arabia through a man called Muhammad.

Muhammad is so respected that it is usual for Muslims to say 'peace be upon him' whenever they mention his name.

Muhammad is believed by Muslims to be the last prophet sent by God (Allah). They believe God sent prophets to mankind to teach them how to live according to His law.



Jesus (Isa), Moses (Musa) and Abraham (Ibrahim) are other respected prophets.

Five Pillars of Islam

The **Five Pillars of Islam** are an important part of Muslim life. They are five things that a Muslim must do so they can live a good and responsible life. They include:

- The **declaration of faith** (Shahada)
- **Praying** five times a day (Salat)
- Giving money to **charity** (Zakah)
- **Fasting** during the month of Ramadan (Sawm)
- A pilgrimage to **Makkah** at least once in a lifetime (Hajj)



[Religious Studies KS2: What is Islam? - BBC Teach](#)

What is the Holy Book of Islam?

The Muslim holy book is called the Qur'an. Muslims believe this to be the word of Allah as dictated to Muhammad.

They also have the **Sunnah**, which Muslims believe to be the practical example of Prophet Muhammad.

Muslims believe an angel called Jibril gave Muhammad messages from God and these formed the basis of the Qur'an.

The book teaches Muslims how to live good lives and follow God.

The book is kept on a high shelf above other books, and the boys wash before handling it, to show their respect for the word of God, or Allah.

[Religious Studies KS2: The Qur'an - BBC Teach](#)

Where do Muslims worship?

Muslims worship in a building called a **mosque**. On Friday at noon, the most important of the weekly services is held.

When Muslims pray, they must always face **Makkah** in Saudi Arabia. Many Muslim men will wear a small cap called a **taqiyah** when they pray.



It's a place to pray, study, and learn how to be a good human being from the Iman (holy man).

It is considered disrespectful to make pictures of God or the prophets in Islam, so mosques are decorated with patterns, calligraphy and stained glass.

Men and women have separate prayer halls, and they pray towards a niche in the wall that faces in the direction of Mecca.



What is the symbol for Islam?

The symbol for Islam is the Star and Crescent Moon. This is sometimes seen at the top of the mosque. The five-pointed star reflects the Five Pillars of Islam, which are central to the faith, and the crescent moon and stars are symbols relating to the greatness of the creator.



What celebrations do Muslims have?

Muslim holidays celebrate the events in the life of Muhammad, Islam's Prophet. Many focus on the events revolving around the hearing of the Qu'ran.

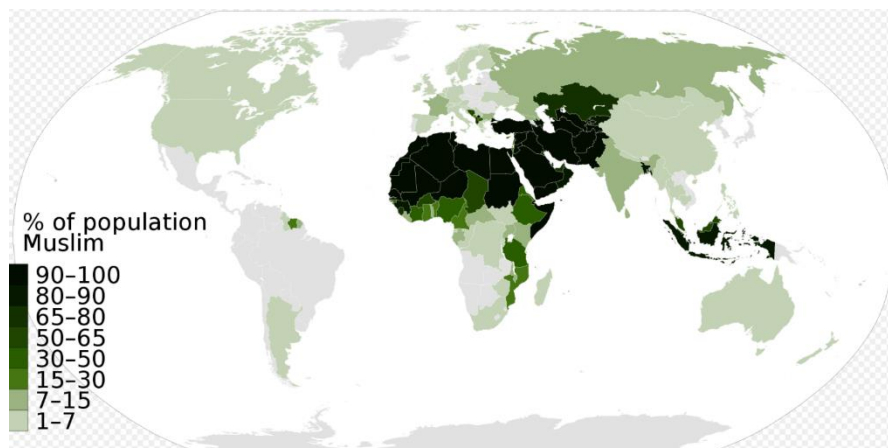
The Muslim year is based on Lunar (moon cycles) months.

Use this link to find out more about Muslims festivals.

[Muslim Festivals for Kids \(primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk\)](http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)

Where do Muslims live?

Muslims live all over the world but Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India have the biggest populations of Muslims.



Let's see how much you can remember about Islam ...

1. Where do Muslims worship?
2. What is a Muslims special book called?



3. Name two celebrations that Muslim people have.
4. What do Muslims believe?
5. Who was Muhammad?
6. Name the Five Pillars of Islam?
7. Why are the Five Pillars of Islam important to a Muslim?
8. Would you find a picture of Allah in a Mosque? If not, why not?

Challenge time!

Ramandan

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink during the hours of daylight. This is called **fasting**. Children are not expected to fast until they reach puberty, usually around the age of 14.

Ramadan remembers the month the **Qur'an** (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as **Lailut ul-Qadr** ('The Night of Power').

Use the link below to find out more about Ramandan and how it is celebrated

[What is Ramadan? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Question time!

1. How long does Ramandan last?
2. What does it mean to 'fast'?
3. Why do the dates of Ramandan change each year?
4. During Ramandan some people DO NOT have to fast, can you name them?
5. What should a good Muslim try to do during Ramadan?
6. What do Muslims do at the end of Ramadan?
7. Would you like to be a Muslim? Why? Why not?

