



What should I already know?

- Recognise the words of the Shahadah and Salah and that it is very important for Muslims.
- Identify some of the key Muslim beliefs about God found in the Shahadah and the 99 names of Allah, and describe them.
- stories about the Prophet show what Muslims believe about Muhammad and guide their beliefs and actions (e.g. care for creation, fast in Ramadan)
- Understand idadah or worship and belief in action.
- Know the meaning of the words Islam and Muslim based on the Arabic root 'slm'.

Key Learning 1 – Muslims in Gloucestershire

- 47% of Muslims were born in the UK.
- In Gloucestershire there are 10 Mosques.
- There are two main groups of Muslims, Sunni (around 90% of Muslims) and Shi'a. The main difference is around which leader should have followed on from the Prophet Muhammad.
- The largest group (globally and locally) are Sunni –six local mosques are Sunni.
- The next major group are called Shi'a –Khoja Quedgeley.

Key Learning 2 – The 5 Pillars (Zakat/Zakah)

- Zakah is the practice where a Muslim gives 2.5 per cent of their wealth over a certain amount to charity, after they have paid for what is necessary to support themselves and their families.
- Sadaqah - In addition to practising Zakah, Muslims are encouraged to voluntarily give their money and time to charity throughout the year.

Key Learning 3 – The 5 Pillars (Hajj)

- Not everyone can go on Hajj. For some it is a question of expense, or ill health. For countries with large Muslim populations (e.g. Indonesia, Pakistan and India) it is a question of quotas: they are only allowed to send 1000 pilgrims for every million Muslims in their population.
- Pilgrims throw stones at the pillars as a way of showing that they reject evil and want to drive it from the world.

Key Learning 4 – The Qur'an.

- Qur'an: Muslims believe the words came directly from Allah and that they should follow the words and instructions of the Qur'an exactly. They also look to.
- Hadith: words, actions and instructions of the Prophet Muhammad as reported by the people around him during his life.

Technical vocabulary Mat

Qur'an	This literally means "that which is read or recited" and refers to the holy book believed to have been revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.
Shi'a Muslim	Shia constitute about 10% of all Muslims, and globally their population is estimated at between 154 and 200 million.
Sunni Muslim	The great majority of the world's more than 1.5 billion Muslims are Sunnis
Surah	There are 114 surahs in the Quran, each divided into ayahs (verses)
Hajj	Annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca

Key theme - Duty

- Muslims in Gloucestershire show their duty to Islam by participating in daily prayers (salah), often at local mosques like the Masjid-e-Noor in Gloucester and by observing Islamic practices such as fasting during Ramadan.
- The Five Pillars of Islam demonstrate a Muslim's duty to their faith by guiding their worship and daily actions. Through the Pillars, Muslims commit to spiritual devotion, support those in need, practice self-discipline and strengthen their connection to the global Muslim community.
- Zakat shows a Muslim's duty by requiring them to give a portion of their wealth to those in need and emphasising compassion and social responsibility.
- Hajj shows a Muslim's duty to Islam by requiring them, if able, to undertake a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime, following in the footsteps of Prophet Abraham.
- The Qur'an and Prophet Muhammad exemplify a Muslim's duty by providing divine guidance and a model for living a righteous life. The Qur'an, regarded as the literal word of Allah, outlines moral and spiritual obligations, while the Prophet's actions (Sunnah) offer a practical example of following Allah's commands.

In RE, we celebrate a variety of faiths and beliefs and develop mutual respect for others.