

# The National Junior C of E Primary School

Unit: Islam

Subject: RE

Term: 4

## Unit Overview / Key Question:

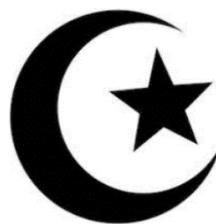
**What do the main concepts in Islam reveal about the nature of Allah?**

**How do people mark important events in life?**

**How does faith and belief affect the way people live their lives?**

Islam is the **second most popular religion** in the world with over a thousand million followers. It is more often thought of as a complete way of life rather than a religion. Islam began in Arabia and was revealed to humanity by the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Those who follow Islam are called Muslims. Muslims believe that there is only one God, called **Allah**. Islam is mainly followed in the Middle East, Asia, and the north of Africa. The prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), who was born in A.D. 570 at Mecca, in Saudi Arabia, is often regarded as the founder of Islam. He was the last prophet to be sent by Allah. However the first prophet was Adam.

## Symbols and Key Festivals



The **crescent moon and star** Although Islam has no symbol doctrinally associated with it, the symbol of the **crescent moon and star** (hila in Arabic) is now widely used to symbolise Islam.

Colours have become very symbolic in Islam, especially green and white. The colour green is mentioned many times in the Qur'an as the colour of clothing in paradise.

The Qur'an is not allowed to touch the floor. It is placed on **Qur'an stands** during prayer.

**Prayer mats** are used in prayer to keep Muslims clean during prayer, so they do not touch the floor. They are placed facing **Mecca** (holy city).

### What?

### Key Knowledge

What are the main concepts and belief of Islam?	<b>Muslims have 6 main beliefs</b> 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 (special messengers). 5. Belief in the Day of Judgement. 6. Belief in Predestination... That Allah has already decided what will happen. Muslims believe that this doesn't stop human beings making free choices												
What is the purpose of visual symbols in a mosque?	There are no pictures or statues in a mosque. They are decorated with patterns and words from the Qur'an. There is also very little furniture inside because Muslims use prayer mats for prayer. What would find in a mosque includes; <b>minbar, shoe stands, mihrab</b> and <b>Qiblah wall</b> .												
What is the importance of the 5 pillars of Islam to Muslims?	These are five duties that every Muslim is obliged to perform. The five pillars of Islam help Muslims put their faith into action. <b>Shahadah</b> : declaration of faith <b>Salah</b> : prayer <b>Zakat</b> : giving a fixed proportion to charity <b>Saum</b> : fasting during the month of Ramadan <b>Hajj</b> : pilgrimage to Mecca												
How are Muslim beliefs expressed in practice?	Through inspirational contemporary people, e.g. Amir Khan - Supports charitable organisations such as Islamic relief. Nadiya Hussain - Made important steps to address stereotypes.												
How do Muslim teachings guide the way Muslims act in the world?	All aspects of a Muslim's life are governed by Sharia. Sharia law comes from a combination of sources including the Qur'an (the Muslim holy book), the Hadith (sayings and conduct of the prophet Muhammad) and fatwas (the rulings of Islamic scholars).												
What do the main concepts in Islam reveal about the nature of Allah?	In the Qur'an a number of different names are used for Allah. These names, or adjectives, give Muslims an insight into the nature of what Allah is like. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Quality</th> <th>Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Benevolence</td> <td>All good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immanence</td> <td>Throughout the universe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merciful</td> <td>All forgiving/ compassionate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Omnipotence</td> <td>All powerful</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transcendence</td> <td>Beyond the universe</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Quality	Meaning	Benevolence	All good	Immanence	Throughout the universe	Merciful	All forgiving/ compassionate	Omnipotence	All powerful	Transcendence	Beyond the universe
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### Prior Knowledge

In year 4 children learnt about **community worship and celebration**:

**How do people express their religion and beliefs?**

Eid-UI-Adha is the celebration of sacrifice and marks the end of Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Eid-UI-Adha is a day of happiness and a day to forgive and forget any differences.

Al Hijra: Islamic New Year

Sawm (Ramadan) - significance of fasting; reasons/benefits

### Vocabulary

Twahid	The oneness or wholeness of God (Allah).
Qur'an	The holy book of Islam; offers guidance on how to follow the <b>shariah</b> (straight path).
Minbar	Place in a mosque where the <b>imam</b> (prayer leader) speaks to the believers.
Minaret	Tower attached to a mosque; place where the call to prayer is shared.
Wudu	Ritual washing before prayer.
Shahadah	Statement of faith; first pillar of Islam.
Salat	Prayer; second pillar of Islam.
Zakat	Giving in charity; third pillar of Islam.
Sawm	Fasting during the month of Ramadan; fourth pillar of Islam.
Hajj	Pilgrimage; fifth pillar of Islam.

