

Year 5 - Autumn

RE Knowledge Organiser - Islam

Project eXplore topic:

Tomb Raiders

Links to other year groups:

Compare and link to other major religions studied in each year group.

Year 8: study of Islam

Key Vocabulary:

Muslims - the people who follow Islam
prophet - a messenger from "God"
Muslims believe that Mohammed was the last prophet to be sent to spread his word

mosque - a building in which Muslims pray

minaret - a tower on a mosque from which Muslims are called to prayer

muezzin - Muslims are called to prayer by a muezzin, a man who sings from the top of the minaret, often through a loudspeaker

Mecca - a place in Saudi Arabia that Muslims believe is the holiest place on earth and the birth place of Mohammed

Ramadan - a month in which Muslims worldwide take part in fasting; Muslims do not eat during daylight hours, instead, they devote themselves to prayer and to Allah

Allah - Muslims use the word "Allah" to mean "God"

How did it begin?

Islam is one of the world's major religions. People who follow it are called **Muslims**. It is the world's 2nd largest religion. Islam started in **Mecca**, in modern-day Saudi Arabia and spread through to South-east Asia by Muslim traders. **Mohammed** is believed to be the person who founded the faith of **Islam**, about 1,400 years ago.

Important beliefs & teachings:

The Five Pillars of Islam are the behaviours and beliefs by which Muslims must live their lives. **1. Shahadah:** the declaration of faith: 'There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his messenger.' **2. Salah:** the five daily prayers. **3. Zakah:** Giving money to help the poor. **4. Sawm:** Committing to fasting during the month of Ramadan. **5. Hajj:** A religious pilgrimage to Mecca that Muslims should undertake at least once in their lives.

Special Book:



The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. Muslims believe that the Qur'an contains the holy words of God, which teaches them the right path to follow in life.

Place of Worship / How people worship:



Muslims pray in a building called a mosque. Most **mosques** have at least one dome, and many also have one or two towers. Muslims take off their shoes before entering the mosque to pray. This is a sign of respect. On Fridays at noon, the most important religious service of the week is held in the mosques.

Key Symbols/People:

Mohammed:

Muslims believe that God sent his final message to Earth through Mohammed 1400 years ago. He is considered so holy that Muslims say '**peace be upon him**' whenever they say or write his name.

When he was around 40 years old, Muhammad is believed to have been approached in a cave by the Angel Gabriel, who sent 'revelations' from Allah. He continued to receive these messages, and to teach them to others.

The crescent moon and star has been adopted in some predominantly Muslim countries as a symbol of Islam.

