



Year 8 Half Term 1 - What is Islam?

This half term looks at the religious beliefs of Islam, and its place in the world today. We will investigate the Five Pillars, and then look at some cultural practices and how they are seen within the wider UK context as well as discrimination that Muslims might face as a result.

1. Islam	The last of the Abrahamic faiths. Founded around 610 CE by Muhammad. The word Islam means, "peace", or "submission".	14. Makkah	Sometimes spelled "Mecca", this is the holiest city in Islam. It is where Islam began and where Muhammad was born.
2. Muslim	The name of a follower of Islam.	15. Ka'aba	The word means "cube" in Arabic, it is a holy site for Muslims found in Makkah. It is described as the house of God.
3. Allah	The Arabic term for God. Used by different faiths however it is used by Muslims across the world to refer to God.	16. Adhan	The call to prayer. Can be heard five times a day in majority Muslim countries where this is played from the mosque.
4. Muhammad	Believed to be the last prophet, Muhammad founded the religion of Islam in Makkah,.	17. Zakah	The third pillar of Islam. It is the act of giving to charity, usually 2.5% of your savings.
5. Qur'an	The holy text in Islam. Believed to have been given to Muhammad by the angel Jibril.	18. Sadaqah	A term used to mean "extra giving". This is charitable giving that goes above the normal 2.5% given as part of Zakah.
6. Islamophobia	Discrimination towards Muslims.	19. Ummah	The word for the Muslim community.
7. Hijab	A veil that is worn by a Muslim woman that covers the hair.	20. Sawm	The fourth pillar of Islam that refers to fasting during the month of Ramadan.
8. Niqab	A veil that is worn by a Muslim woman that covers the hair and face.	21. Ramadan	A month of fasting. It remembers the time when Muhammad first received the Qur'an.
9. Halal	A term which means, "that which is allowed", this is often applied to food, meaning food that is acceptable for Muslims to eat.	22. Hajj	A pilgrimage (a religious journey) that is done to Makkah to visit the Ka'aba and other holy sites.
10. Haram	A term which means, "that which is forbidden", this can apply to food to mean food that is not to be eaten by Muslims.	23. Lesser Jihad	"Jihad" means to struggle. The idea of lesser Jihad is struggling against the world.
11. Pillars of Islam	A set of five practices that are a part of the Muslim life.	24. Greater Jihad	"Jihad" means to struggle. The idea of greater jihad is the struggle within yourself to be a better person.
12. Shahadah	The first pillar of Islam. It is the expression, "There is one God, Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah". Declaring this sincerely is all that is required to become a Muslim.	25. Holy War	A war that is fought for religious reasons.
13. Salah	The second pillar of Islam. It is the act of saying five prayers a day.	26. Terrorism	Using acts of violence to create fear.