

SUBJECT: Religious Education

UNIT: YEAR 8 – What is life like for Muslims?

Islamic Key beliefs:

Tawhid	It means the 'oneness of God'. They only believe in one God who is Allah.
Akhirah	That there is an afterlife – heaven and hell.
Risalah	Communication between Allah and the people.



The Five Pillars are important to Muslims because The five tenets serve as a basic guide as to how Muslims should live their lives.

The Five Pillars of Islam:

SHAHADAH: To have faith
SALAH: To pray everyday
SAWM: To fast in the month of Ramadan
HAJJ: Pilgrimage to Makkah
ZAKAH: To give to charity

The Qur'an:

The Qur'an is the Islamic Holy Book, which was recorded by Muhammad (A Prophet) and is said to be the direct words of Allah (God).

The main message of the Qur'an is:

- There is only one God who is Allah
- People should live in peaceful coexistence
- People should understand none believers
- Leading Muslims to lead righteous fulfilling lives
- Promotes harmony
- People should be generous to others
- Mohammed is the Prophet of Allah



Muslim Festivals:

Eid ul-Adha	Eid ul-Fitr
This festival is celebrated at the end of Hajj (pilgrimage) by all Muslims. It remembers the story of Ibrahim and his son Ismael. Ibrahim was tested by Allah by being told to kill his own son as a sacrifice.	Celebrated on the first day of Shawwal (the month after Ramadan). It marks the end of fasting. For most people it is hard to imagine not eating during daylight for a month – and hard to do! Most people would find fasting really difficult, that is why Muslim's look forward to Eid ul-Fitr. Imagine if Christmas came a month after fasting!

Sunni Muslims beliefs:

They should pick Muhammad's successor.
 Ashura is a fasting day to remember Nuh (Noah).

Shi'a Muslims beliefs:

Believe Muhammad's son in Law (Ali) should be his successor.
 Ashura is a day of mourning to remember Muhammad's grandson.

Muslims face discrimination all over the world - An action or a decision that treats a person or a group badly for reasons such as their race, age or disability.

