



**Unit of work:**

Why are the Five Pillars important to Muslims?

**Year group:**

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**Prior learning:**

- I know that a Muslim person follows Islam
- I know who Muhammad (PBUH) is
- I know what happened to Muhammad on the night of power
- I know who Allah is, how Muslims describe him and some of his 99 names
- The Qur'an is the holy book
- Muslims worship in a Mosque
- The Shahadah is the first of the Five Pillars of Islam.

**RE Skills to develop**

- I can describe and make connections between different religions and worldwide celebrations.
- I can identify differences and similarities between different religions and worldviews.
- I can discuss my views about what is right and wrong and what is just and fair and I can respect and understand the views of others.

**Knowledge/skills**

**The 5 pillars or Islam:**

The Five Pillars of Islam are an important foundation of any Muslim's life. These are religious acts that are incredibly significant to Muslim's and are carried out daily, or in the case of Hajj – once in a lifetime. The Five Pillars are:

**The Shahadah (Declaration of faith)** - Trusting and understanding the words of the Shahaadah. "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammed (SAW) is the final messenger."

**Prayer (Salah)** - Praying five times a day, kneeling towards Mecca. There are specific ritualistic movements and prayers that are said.

**Charity or almsgiving (Zakat)** - Each year a Muslim should give money to charity (Usually 2.5% of their savings). If a person does not have much money, they can do other things instead.

**Fasting during the month of Ramadan (Sawm)**

**A pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj)** - Muslims should go to Mecca on a pilgrimage. They should do this at least once in their lives. A person does not have to make this pilgrimage if they cannot afford to, or they are physically unable to (Though they can get someone else to go on their behalf).

**Vocabulary and definitions**

Word	Definition
Belief	An acceptance that something exists or is true.
5 Pillars	The five basic rituals or obligations that every Muslim must satisfy in order to live a good and responsible life according to Islam.
Shahadah	A key Islamic statement of faith – "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammed is his messenger." This is the first pillar of Islam.
Qur'an	The Islamic sacred book.
Wudu	Is the Islamic procedure for the cleansing parts of the body prior to prayer. Wudu involves washing the hands, mouth, nostrils, arms, head and feet with water.
Sawm	Sawm is the fasting. It's the fourth of the Five Pillars of Islam. Muslims are required to fast during Ramadan.
Ramadan	Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, when Muslims fast during daylight hours.
Salah/ Salat	Salah/Salat is the obligatory Muslim prayers, performed 5 times each day by Muslims. It is the second Pillar of Islam.
Zakah/ Zakat	Zakat is the compulsory giving of a set of proportion of one's wealth to charity. It is regarded as a type of worship and of self-purification. It is the third Pillar of Islam.
Hajj	Hajj is the Pilgrimage to Mecca. All Muslims who are physically able to must make this journey once in a lifetime.
Pilgrimage	A journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion.

**Key Stories**

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zn6sb9q>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zgx6yrd>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zyvpcdm>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mwhw0>
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- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02q87r8>
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**Artefacts and symbols**



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