

Introduction to Islam	Religious Education	Years 3 & 4, Term 3	Year A
Vocabulary: Muslim, Islamic, tawhid, Allah, Muhammad, Qur'an , Five Pillars			
Knowledge and skills: Muslims believe in one God called Allah. (B21) Muslims believe that the bible and the Torah teach about Allah. (B22) Muslims believe that the Qur'an contains the very words of Allah. (B23) Many Muslims believe that every part of the Qur'an is true. (B24) Allah called Muhammad to teach people to follow him. (B25) Muhammad lived in a place where people believed in many gods. (B26) The Qur'an was dictated in Arabic to Muhammad by the angel Jibril. (B27) The Qur'an must be treated with respect and always read, written and recited in Arabic. (B28) Learning the Qur'an by heart is a sign of dedication to Allah. (B29) Muslims have the Five Pillars to guide their way of living: Shahadah, Salat, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj. (B30) The Five Pillars of Islam are very similar to some Christian beliefs. (B31) Some people believe that all religions stories are made up. (B41) People disagree on the truth of religious texts. (B42) Different texts will have different significance depending on people's beliefs. (B45) Some questions of truth are hard to answer. (B46) <i>Muslims believe in one God, and they call him Allah. This is called Tawhid. Allah has 99 names. These can all be found in the Qur'an.</i> <i>Allah and figures are not depicted in Islamic art – just patterns - showing the never ending power and love of Allah.</i>		Possible activities: Make a mind map of existing knowledge about religions, symbols. Add a question - something you would like to know. How many names can you think of to describe God? How is God depicted in art? Explore Islamic tiles. Show a timeline of events in the life of Muhammad. Find out about how Islam was born: Mohammad receiving the words of the Qur'an from Angel Jibril. What is a Qur'an? Compare Qur'an to Bible and Torah. Muslims believe that the Bible and the Torah teach about Allah but that the words of the Qur'an were directly given to Muhammad, so are all true. Explore each 'pillar'. Compare to Christian beliefs. Allah's (SWT) teachings. Five core practices. Resource sheet to complete. Explore a Mosque and find out what it is used for. Compare to a church and/or synagogue or other places of worship.	
Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education, and Promotion of British Values: Social: Consider the daily rituals and routines from Five Pillars. Cultural: Find out about the background to Muhammad's life. Spiritual: Consider how believing that texts are divinely inspired makes people feel. Moral: Examine how the Five Pillars promote moral codes. Equality: Consider how some Islamic restrictions about dress code fit into ideas about equality.			