

Year 5



Religious Education

What is Islam?

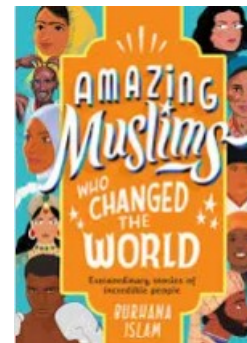
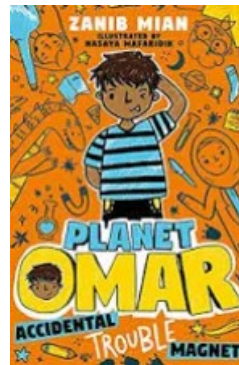
To understand what Muslims believe and why.

Who are Muslims? (Key Vocabulary):

Ummah	The community of Muslims throughout the world.
Sunni and Shi'ah	The two different groups of Muslims. They have different views. 85% of Muslims are Sunni and 15% are Shi'ah.
Allah	Muslims use the word Allah for God. It means 'The God'.

Almost a quarter of the world's population are Muslim – approximately one a half billion people.

Focus Texts



Key Vocabulary:

Hafiz	Someone who memorises the Qur'an from heart. They are known as a 'guardian'.
Wudu	Ritual washing Muslims carry out so they are ready for prayer.
Ka'bah	The building at the centre of the Great Mosque in Mecca. This is where Muslims face when they pray.
Madrasah	Islamic school.
Imam	A religious man who leads the prayers in the mosque and is a leader in the Muslim community.

Muhammed and The Night of Power

Muslims believe that Muhammed (pbuh) was the last messenger and prophet of Allah. The words of the Qur'an were revealed to Muhammed on the Night of Power. On this night, Muhammed had gone to a cave outside of Mecca to pray and reflect. Then, Muhammed felt he was no longer alone, he heard a voice talking to him. "Do not be afraid," the voice said. Muhammed looked up and saw that it was the Angel Jibril (Gabriel). The angel told Muhammed to read; Muhammed had not been to school so didn't know how to read or write. The angel squeezed Muhammed so tight he thought he may faint and suddenly he could understand the words. Muhammed knew these were the words of God. Muhammed was able to remember every word that was revealed to him on this night. After this, he began preaching what he had heard; that Allah is the one true God, and giving yourself to him is the only way to worship him. He said that he himself was only a prophet and messenger of God.

