

RE Focus:	Islam	Year: 2
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## (Key Vocabulary / Spellings)

Allah	muslim	pilgrimage	Muhammad
mosque	fasting	prophet	Mecca

## (Key Knowledge)

### The Five Pillars of Islam

<b>Shahadah</b>	Muslims say a declaration of faith when they pray. "There is no God except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah".
<b>Salah</b>	Muslims pray 5 times a day. Before they pray, they must wash themselves and then face Mecca whilst praying.
<b>Zakat</b>	Muslims must donate to charities to help people who are less fortunate.
<b>Sawm</b>	Muslims fast for one month during a time called Ramadan. They do not eat or drink during daylight hours to remind themselves how difficult it is to be poor and hungry.
<b>Hajj</b>	Muslims have to travel to Mecca once in their lifetime, if they can afford to.



The Ka'bah at Mecca

### Key Beliefs

<b>What is the Koran?</b>	This is the Muslim holy book. Muslims believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said. It is written in arabic.
<b>Why is Mecca important?</b>	Mecca is the place where the prophet Muhammad was born. Muslims visit the special building, Ka'bah, and walk around it 7 times and perform symbolic rituals.
<b>What is a mosque?</b>	This is a Muslim place of worship. They often have a domed roof. Services are held daily but the most important service is on a Friday. Muslims take off their shoes before going into the mosque and wash before they pray. They kneel on the floor on prayer mats.
<b>What is the symbol of Islam?</b>	There is no official symbol of Islam but the star and crescent is commonly used.
<b>Do Muslims believe in Jesus?</b>	Yes. Although some stories in the Koran differ from the Bible versions, Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet and therefore, stories about him are included in the Koran.

