

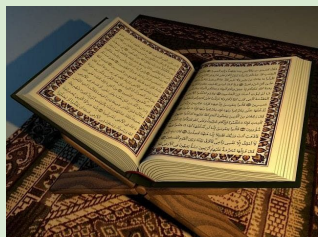


Year 4 RE **Islam**: What does it mean to be a Muslim?



Islam: Key facts

- Islam is a religion which began in Saudi Arabia in the 7th century.
- Muslims are people who follow the religion of Islam.
- Muslims believe in one God and they call him **Allah**.
- Muslims believe that **Mohammed** (pbuh) was the last and most important of the **prophets**.



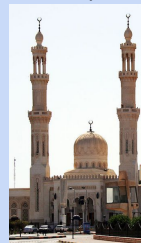
The Muslim holy book is the **Qu'ran**.



The Muslim place of worship is a **Mosque**.

Living as a Muslim

The mosque is at the centre of the Muslim community.



Minarets are tall thin towers on a mosque. The call to prayer is sounded from the top of the minaret.



Muslims pray five times a day. They always face **Mecca** when they pray. The direction of Mecca is called **qiblah**.



The **mihrab** is a special arch in the mosque wall that shows the direction of Mecca.

Muslims try and follow the **five pillars of Islam**: the declaration of faith, prayer, giving, fasting and pilgrimage.

The life of Mohammed (pbuh)

- **570** Mohammed was born in Mecca, Arabia.
- **610 Night of Power**: Mohammed received messages from God from the angel Jibrail.
- **620 Night Journey**: Mohammed was taken on a journey through heaven and hell on a winged horse by Jibrail. He talked to the prophets and God told him he should pray five times a day.
- **622 The Hijrah**: Mohammed left Mecca and travelled to Medina. There are years of many battles between Mohammed's followers and the people of Mecca. Mohammed eventually wins.
- **632** Mohammed died. His words and teachings were later written down in the Qu'ran.

Key Vocabulary

Arabic	The language the Qu'ran is written in.
halal	Halal food is food that has been prepared in a special way following Islamic guidelines.
hijab	The scarf muslim women use to cover their hair.
Mecca	Mecca is Mohammed's birthplace. All Muslims are expected to visit Mecca once in their life.
madrasa	A school at the mosque where children learn the Qu'ran.
pbuh	This means 'peace be upon him' and is spoken after them name Mohammed is said to show respect.
pilgrimage	A pilgrimage is a journey with a special religious purpose.
prophet	A prophet is someone who speaks God's message.