

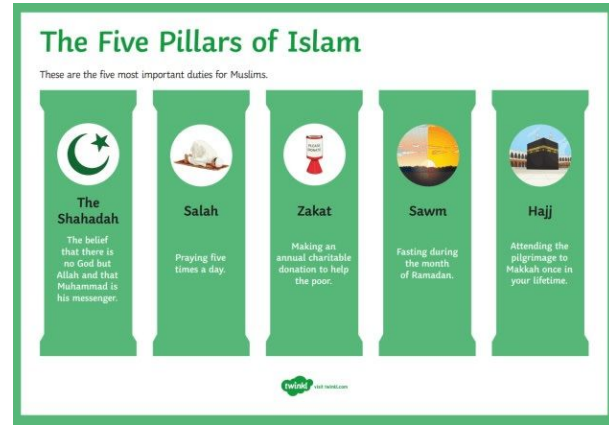
Big Ideas in RE - What I need to know by the end of Y5 (Y6 revision)

The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam and records God's Law. It is a record of the traditions or sayings of the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims believe Muhammad received instructions from the Angel Gabriel and so these are as valid as those in the Qur'an.

Muslims believe that humans have the role of Khalifah - trustees of Allah's creation. They believe that all things belong to Allah. This means that all humans have a duty to look after nature and the environment.

The story of Bilal is an important story for Muslims. Bilal was a black African slave who refused to obey his master by not attacking one of Muhammad's followers who claimed that all people are equal. While imprisoned, waiting to be punished, he became a Muslim. Close to death, he was sold to Abu Bakr, one of Muhammad's closest companions. Bilal was freed and he became the first Muezzin (he gave the first call to prayer at the first mosque in Medina and then at the Ka'aba). The meaning of this story emphasises that people should be judged not by their position in society or race, but on their commitment to obey Allah's commands. It also reminds Muslims that Allah alone is worthy of worship. Bilal exemplified his dedication to Allah, even risking his own life. He is a role model to Muslims.

Key Vocabulary	
Islam	Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam .
Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
Five Pillars of Islam	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
Prophets	Special messengers sent from Allah .
Muhammad	The last prophet and the key prophet in Islam .
Mecca	Mecca is an important place to Muslims . It is where Muhammad was born. Muslims face Mecca to pray and try to visit it sometime during their lives.
Haji	The name Muslims give to the special pilgrimage to Mecca .
The Qur'an	The holy book of Islam .
Ramadan	A Muslim festival where Muslims fast during the daylight and only eat after the sun has set.
fast	A period of time when Muslims do not eat.
mosque	Muslim place of worship.
pilgrimage	A journey to a special place of religious meaning.



The **Muslim** place of worship is called a **mosque**. Services are held in **mosques** every day. The most important service for **Muslims** is on a Friday.

Mosques often have a domed roof. There are no images of people or animals in **mosques**. They are decorated with patterns and words from **the Qur'an**.

Muslims take off their shoes before going into the **mosque** and wash before they pray. **Muslims** pray kneeling on the floor on a prayer mat. The wall of the **mosque** which faces **Mecca** is called the qibla wall. It has an empty arch to show the direction of Mecca.

There is no official symbol of **Islam**, but the star and crescent symbol is the symbol most commonly associated with Islam.



The Qur'an The **Muslim** holy book is called **the Qur'an**. **Muslims** believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.



The main **Muslim** festivals are: **Ramadan**, Eid-al-Fitr, Eid-al-Adha, Dhu al-Hijja. During **Ramadan**, **Muslims** try to give up bad habits and become better **Muslims** by praying more.

Muslim Festivals

Mecca Mecca is an important place to **Muslims**. It is where **Muhammad** was born and the direction that **Muslims** face when they pray five times a day. **Muslims** are expected to make a **pilgrimage** to **Mecca** once in their lifetime.



Key Beliefs

Muslims believe that there is only one God called **Allah**. They believe **Allah** is the only ruler of the universe. The word '**Islam**' means submission and obedience to **Allah**.

Muhammad is so highly respected by **Muslims** that they will say "peace be upon him" after his name is spoken.

