

Islam

EYFS

Prayer Mats

OVERVIEW FOR ISLAM – EARLY YEARS

SPECIAL DAYS/RITUAL OBJECTS – PRAYER MATS

Judaism is studied by everyone and Islam one of the options of choice from the three other religions. It is taught for one week every year. The themes are the same for all religions.

BACKGROUND NOTES

Muslims are followers of the religion of Islam, which began in Saudi Arabia around the seventh century. They believe in one God, Allah. There are two main groups of Muslims, Shi'ah and Sunni. The Sunnis are the larger group. their beliefs are similar but they differ on the forms of leadership. What the children learn in this programme of study is a *middle* way, offering what is most general in Islam.

AGE GROUP	THEME	TOPIC	LEARNING OUTCOMES		
			LOOK	DISCOVER	RESPECT
Early years N/R	Special days/ ritual objects	Prayer mats	Special objects	Prayer mats and the Qur'an	What is special for Muslims
Year 1 FS 1	Stories	Muhammad	Special stories	Muhammad	Muhammad is important for Muslim people
Year 2 FS 2	Prayer/home	Prayer at home	Quiet times	Prayer five times a day	Prayer is important for Muslims
Year 3	Places for worship	The mosque	Special buildings	Friday is a day of special prayer. Call to prayer	How Muslim people worship
Year 4	Holy Books	The Qur'an	Important books	The Qur'an. 99 beautiful names of God	The importance of the Qur'an for Muslims
year 5	Beliefs and festivals	Ramadan and Pilgrimage	special times	Shahadah Ramadan, Id-ul-Fitr, Id-ul-Adha, Hajj	Respect for the special occasions for Muslims
year 6	Belonging and values	Guidance for Muslims	Guidance in life	the 5 pillars Zakat	What is important for Muslims

Look: Special Objects

RECEPTION LEARNING FOCUS: My precious object.

Can you think of a special object
that you own?



Why is it special?

How do you look
after it?



There are **six** major religions in our world.

RE = SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

Christianity



Judaism



Islam



Buddhism



Hinduism



Sikhism



Some of our neighbours are Muslims.
They belong to the Muslim religion
which is called **Islam**.





I am a Muslim

Islam is the religion of Muslims. Muslims believe in Allah and his prophet Muhammad.

God

I believe that there is only one God, Allah, and that Muhammad was the last prophet sent by Allah.



Muslim Festivals

Ramadan: The holy month during which Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.

Eid-ul-Fitr: A celebration to mark the end of Ramadan.

Eid-ul-Adha: A celebration of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son to God.

Dietary Customs

I am allowed to eat halal food. Some foods, such as pork, are forbidden, and all food must be prepared in a certain way.



Jihad

As well as following the Five Pillars of Islam, I must understand Jihad and strive to be a good Muslim. Greater jihad is the personal struggle to live a life of obedience to God and to not give into temptation. Lesser jihad is the physical struggle to protect the Islamic faith in the world.

Holy Book

The imam instructs me from the Qur'an in Arabic. The Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by God. It teaches me how to worship Allah and how to behave towards others.



Worship

I pray five times a day, facing Makkah (Mecca), at home or in the mosque. I wash before praying and use a prayer mat. When entering the mosque I take off my shoes. Women and men do not pray in the same area of the mosque.



Five Pillars of Islam

Every Muslim must follow the Five Pillars of Islam.

Shahada: declaration of faith

Salat: praying five times a day

Zakat: giving money to charity

Sawm: fasting during Ramadan

Hajj: pilgrimage to Makkah



Discover: Special objects for Muslims



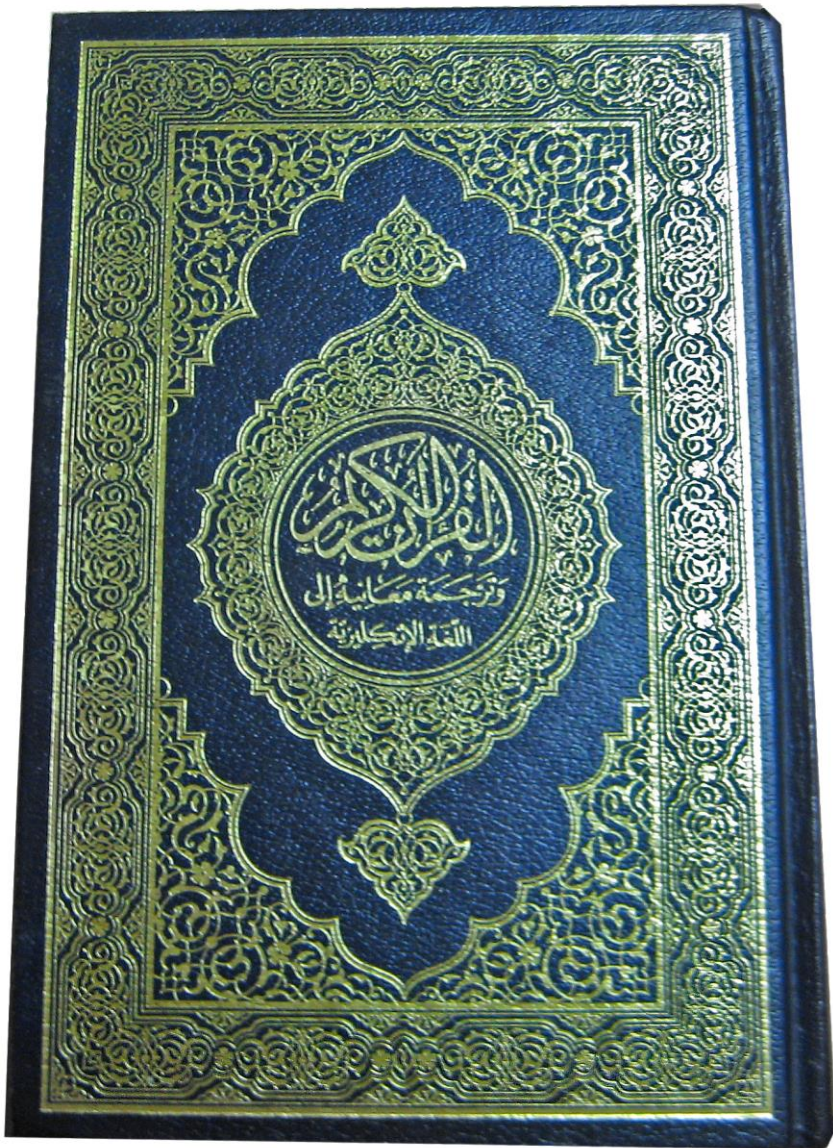
This is a prayer mat which is a special object for a Muslim. They never stand on it with their shoes on and they only use it for praying. They always take off their shoes.

What do you notice about it?

The **Qur'an** is a very precious book for Muslims.

They take great care of it and never touch it without washing their hands.

Usually they keep it in a special cover to keep it clean.





Muslims place the **Qur'an** on a special stand when they read from it.

Can you make or design a cover for a special book?



You could use card or fabric - stick on paper or felt shapes with the design of stars, the moon, leaves, flowers etc. (again no animals or people).

Attach a ribbon to it to keep it on the book.

Respect: Muslims' special objects

What special objects do Muslims have?

*Thank you for giving us each
other,
Thank you for every day that's
new,
Thank you because you love all
people those both near and
far.*