

## RE Knowledge Organiser

### Year Four – Islamic Rites of Passage

#### Unit Sequence of Sequence of Learning

- o To understand what Islam is and what the five pillars are.
- o To explore Muslim birth ceremonies and naming days.
- o To find out about the Islamic marriage ceremony.
- o To find out about Muslim funeral ceremonies.
- o To understand the importance of the Hajj for a Muslim person.

#### Knowledge

**The Five Pillars** – This includes five key elements of Islamic practice. This includes Shahada - Allah is the only God; Salat - praying five times a day; Zakat - giving money to the poor; Sawm - fasting for Ramadan; Hajj - pilgrimage to Mecca.

**Muslim birth ceremony** – When a new baby is born in a Muslim family the father whispers a prayer into the baby's right ear. This prayer is called the Adhan. Another tradition is that the baby's first food should be something sweet so the baby is often fed a spoonful of honey or a juiced date. The naming ceremony lasts seven days and is called Tasmiah. This allows the baby to be accepted and protected by Allah.

**Islamic Marriage** – The marriage ceremony it made up of many different parts. The proposal – A man will ask for the women's hand in marriage. They will often ask the families permission fist, which shows respect for the woman. The Mahr – This is a payment the man makes to the woman. It could be money, a gift or some property. The Nikah – This is the verbal contract between husband and wife. The bride and the groom say a few phrases in front of witnesses; this pronounces them man and wife. The Walima – This is the marriage banquet and can take place after the wedding or even a week later.

**Islam Funerals** – When a Muslim person dies the family prepares the body for the funeral and burial as soon as possible. The funeral should take place before sunset the next day. The body is washed, shrouded, wrapped in white cloth and special ropes.

#### Key Vocabulary

Islam	Refers to the faith as a whole.
Muslim	Refers to an individual or a person.
Shahadah	Means a Muslim must declare there is only one God and that is Allah. They must also trust that Muhammad is God's messenger.
Salat	Salat is the Islamic prayer and consists of five prayers. Each prayer is recited in a position that faces Mecca. Muslims prefer to pray in a mosque. They perform a series of set positions five times a day (before sunrise, midday, evening prayer before sunset, evening prayer after sunset and night prayer).
Zakat	Muslims like to help people who don't get paid much money. One of the requirements is to give money to the poor and needy. Zakat means to be charitable and give to those in need.
Sawm	Muslims fast for a month. This is called Ramadan. During this time Muslims don't eat or drink from dawn until dusk. When the sun goes down they will eat a feast with their family.
Hajj	The Hajj is a pilgrimage, which is a religious journey. Muslims are required to go on the Hajj once in their life. The Hajj is a journey to a town called Mecca where Muslims gather together and perform group prayers.
Adhan	Is the Islamic call to prayer, recited when a new baby is born.
Tasmiya	Naming ceremony for a newborn Muslim.
Mahr	A gift given by the male to the female after proposal.
Shrouded	To be wrapped in cloth.
Salatul Janazah	Prayer said before entering a Mosque with a deceased Muslim.

#### Key Questions

What is similar between a Christian marriage and an Islamic marriage?	One similarity is that they propose to the other person first. Another could be that the marriage is also celebrated by the two families.
Why do Muslims follow the five pillars of Islam?	Muslims follow the five pillars of Islam because they believe it shows their commitment to their religion. It also allows them to follow the example of Muhammad.
How is the birth ceremony in Islam different from Christian followings?	In Christianity, the child will be baptised with Holy Water. In the Islamic faith they still have a birth ceremony; however, it would likely go on for a longer as the naming ceremony lasts seven days.