



Year:

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Unit:

Islam

Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?

What will I learn this year?

- Islamic teachings about Ramadan from the Qur'an
- Make links between Islamic values and the beliefs explored so far in their study of Islam
- Use subject specific language to describe how and why Muslims fast at Ramadan
- The importance of Ramadan in the context of the Five Pillars of Islam
- The impact that fasting might have on individuals, families and communities
- Discuss (with relevant examples) the importance of showing commitment to a belief, value or community
- The role of sacrifice within religion and communities
- Reflect on their own beliefs, values and commitments
- Consider and discuss how they demonstrate their personal commitments

Key Vocabulary

Ramhadam- is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, during which Muslims fast or do not eat or drink during the daytime

Fast- to stop eating certain foods for the purpose of focusing more on God

Shahada- Islamic declaration of faith.

Saum- fasting in the month of ramadham

Pilgrimage- when people travel to a place of worship that is usually far away

Iftar- the evening meal for breaking fasting during the Islamic month of Ramadan



What should I already know?

- Develop and understanding of the importance of founders and leaders for religious communities
- Identify Islamic beliefs and values contained within the story of the life of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
- How a Muslim might try to follow the teachings and example of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
- Describe and give reasons for the Islamic practice of Zakah
- Why charity might be important to a Muslim – and the different ways that a Muslim might try to be charitable
- Identify characteristics of a good role model
- How good role models can have a positive impact on individuals, communities and societies
- Reflect on their own aspirations for themselves and others
- Ask questions and suggest answers about how they can try to make the world a better place

What will I learn next?

- Islamic beliefs about the Qur'an as the word of God
- How and why the Qur'an is a source of guidance for life for a Muslim
- The impact of believing that the Qur'an is divine revelation
- What Muslims believe when they describe Muhammad (pbuh) as the seal of the prophets
- How and why Muslims might commemorate the Night of Power
- Describe and explain a variety of ways that Muslims might show respect for the Qur'an – and how this symbolises their respect for God
- How the teachings of the Qur'an might influence the actions and choices of a Muslim
- Where people might look to for guidance about how to live – consider a range of sources of wisdom and authority
- Suggest when and why people might want guidance about how to live
- Discuss who or what has guided them in their own beliefs, values and commitments
- Reflect on what 'ultimate authority' might mean for them