

Religious Education

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high-quality religious education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to learn through a diocese linked curriculum that provides opportunities to reflect, discuss and explore more about the world in which they live in. The curriculum provides children with the knowledge of different religious traditions, celebrations, stories and values. Our RE curriculum pupils develop an understanding of themselves and others as well as respecting differences. Lessons will promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of individuals and communities. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about different world religions.

Islam



How do Muslims express new beginnings?



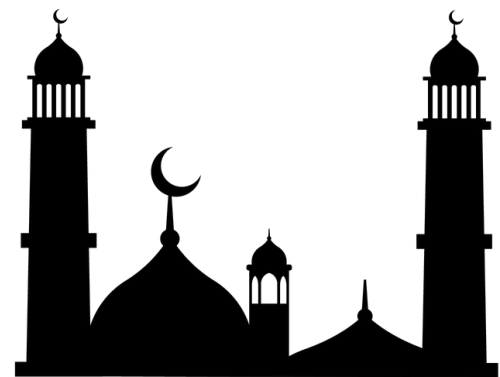
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New Knowledge:

- The Qur'an states that "Allah created the heavens and the earth in 6 days and all that is in between."
- Shahadah is one of the five pillars (do not cover the 5 pillars here), it is the declaration of belief and is said daily.
- After seven days the baby's head is shaved (a tradition also carried out by Hindus). This is to show that the child is the servant of Allah, and takes place at the naming ceremony. Although Hindus may take the baby's hair to India and scatter it in the holy river Ganges, Muslims weigh it and give the equivalent weight in silver to charity.
- At the baby's naming ceremony (Aqiqah), parents will give thanks to Allah. The baby is given a taste of honey to reflect the sweetness of the Qur'an.
- Nikah is a Muslim wedding. The weddings are led by a respected member of the Muslim community.
- The ceremony consists of readings from the Qur'an, and the exchange of vows in front of witnesses for both partners. No special religious official is necessary, but often the imam is present and performs the ceremony and gives a short sermon.
- The groom hands over a marriage gift called mahr to the bride. This might be money, an item or a commitment to perform some service to validate the marriage. There may also be an exchange of vows/ rings, which is similar to a Christian wedding.
- Important words for Muslims are; prophet, Muhammad

Key Vocabulary:

- Nikah
- Aqiqah
- Declaration
- Imam



Religious & Cultural Diversity