

RE Knowledge Organiser

Religion /Worldview: Islam	Enquiry Question: Does completing a pilgrimage make a person a better Muslim?	Age range: YEAR 4	Enquiry 2 SPRING 1
In this unit, we will look at the special journey Muslims take to their holy places – this pilgrimage is known as the Hajj.			

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)		Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance
<p>Hajj, the Pilgrimage to Makkah in Saudi Arabia, is one of the “Five Pillars of Islam” on which the Muslim faith is built. The other pillars are looked at in detail in other enquiries.</p> <p>When on pilgrimage Muslims put away their usual clothes and signs of wealth like jewellery and wear white seamless garments known as Ihram. This is a symbol of equality, a key Islamic belief that Allah created everyone as equals. The Hajj takes place every year usually during one particular month. Pilgrims visit important key places in and around Makkah like the Ka’bah, Mina and the plain of Arafat.</p> <p>The pilgrimage is hard work and is a very emotional time for most Muslims.</p>		<p>The other four pillars including...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shahadah – statement of faith • Salat – prayer • Zakat – giving. • Sawm - fasting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do I have a special place? • Where in the world would I like to visit, why? • Why might people want to visit certain places? What might they do when they are there?
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
<p>Allah – Muslim name for God</p> <p>Pilgrimage – a special or religious journey</p> <p>Hajj – pilgrimage to Makkah – Muslims are expected to go once in a lifetime if possible.</p> <p>Ihram – plain clothes worn to show everyone is equal.</p> <p>Makkah – Holy city Muslims face when they pray.</p> <p>Ka’bah – building in Makkah which Muslims face when praying</p>	<p>Islam started in Makkah in Saudi Arabia when the prophet Muhammad was chosen by Allah to tell people to live their lives in a way that God would want. As Islam spread around the world Muslims have made sure they never forget the importance of Makkah, the place where Islam began.</p>	<p>Every Muslim is expected to make the special journey to Makkah in Saudi Arabia once in a lifetime. For Muslims who live far away, the chance to visit these special places is very important to them and they work towards this by saving money often over many years. Each day Muslims think of pilgrimage as they face Makkah each time they pray – this happens at least five times a day</p>	<p>This enquiry builds on the learning from the ages 5-7 enquiries – these looked at Muslims beliefs about Allah, Muhammad and the Qur’an. Pilgrimage involves prayer so links to the previous enquiry.</p>