



RE – What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?



Identity and Community: People feel they belong to communities, their identity can be expressed through traditions, rituals and symbols.

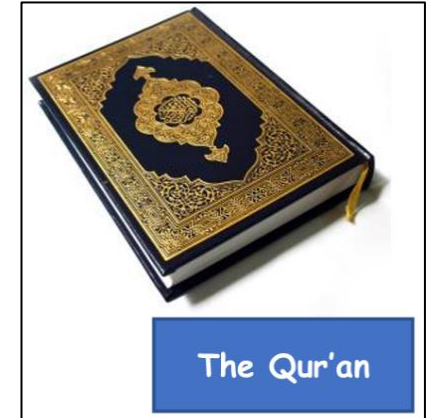
Vocabulary

- Allah: the Arabic word for God.
- prayer (Salah): the practice of praying five times a day facing Mecca.
- charity (Zakat): giving money or help to those in need.
- fasting (Sawm): going without food and drink during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan.

Muslims believe in the Five Pillars of Islam –faith, fasting, charity, prayer and pilgrimage.



Muslims believe there is only one God, Allah and he created the universe. The Prophet Muhammad is his messenger. God revealed a series of divine messages to Muhammed over a 23-year period which he wrote down, becoming the Islamic holy text, The Qur'an.



Muslims worship in a Mosque. Mosques have several important features: a shoe rack, prayer mats, washroom, the Qur'an, tasbeih beads, minaret and mihrab.



Mecca is the Holiest city in Islam and all Muslims try to undertake a Hajj to visit at least once in their lives.

