Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	RE	YEAR 2	TERM 3

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Islam – Muslim Prayer

Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/ her everyday life?

Prayer is the second most important pillar of Islam, and is the most regular **compulsory** action in a Muslim's life.

Through prayer, **Muslims** thank God for life and everything.

Prayer helps develop self-discipline and helps Muslims put **Allah** at the centre of their lives.

Prayer helps Muslims to:

- Be in touch with God and have a relationship with Him;
- Be grateful for all His **blessings**;
- Lead good lives and make good choices;

Prayer can take place anywhere as long as **Muslims** are in a clean place and have cleaned themselves beforehand (**Wudu**). Prayer also takes place at a **Mosque**.

Muslims have a **prayer mat** and a compass so they can always find the direction of **Mecca**, which they need to face as they pray.

Prayer mats are quite often highly decorated with patterns and colours but they never have pictures of people or animals on them.

Daily **prayers** or **Salat** should be performed five times a day. The times depend on the sun and so they change daily.

Salat prayer times are dawn, midday, late in the afternoon, after the sun has finished setting and in the dark of night.

WHAT? – Key vocabulary

Islam - is the second most popular religion in the world.

Prayer - the act or ceremony in which someone says a devout petition to God

Compulsory - unavoidable and required to do because of a rule or law

Muslim – a follower of the religion of Islam.

Allah - the Arabic name that Muslims use for God.

Blessings – goodness

Wudu – a ritual washing to be performed in preparation for prayer and worship.

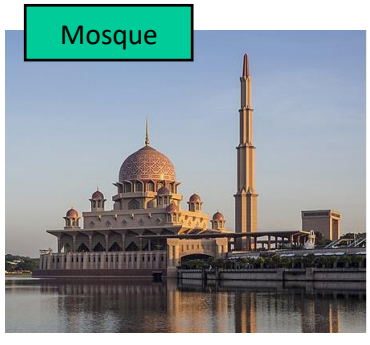
Prayer mat - a small carpet used by Muslims for kneeling on when praying.

Salat - Muslims pray five times a day. Before prayer, they must wash themselves and then face Mecca whilst praying.

Muhammad - the last prophet and the key prophet in Islam.

Mecca - Mecca is an important place to Muslims. It is where Muhammad was born. Muslims face Mecca to pray and try to visit it sometime during their lives.

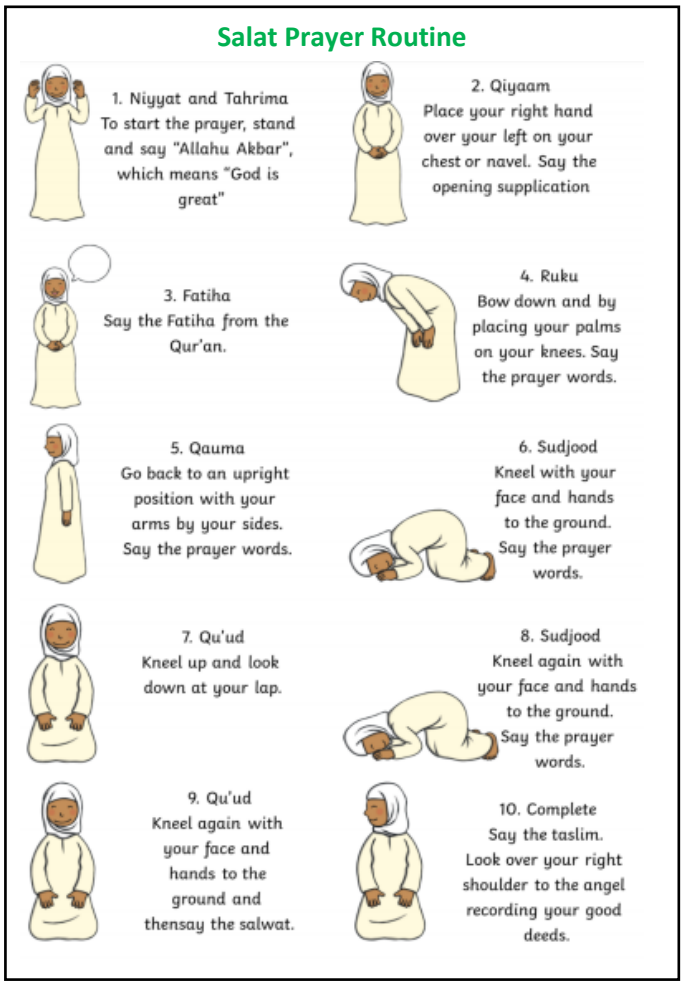
Mosque - Muslim place of worship. They have services every day but the most important service for Muslims is on a Friday.





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During **Salat**, when Muslims pray, they perform sets of movements and gestures. During each set of movements, Muslims recite a specific prayer.



Possible experiences:

- Visitor from school to come and talk about the importance of Muslim Prayer.
- Children design their own prayer mats.
- Visit to the Mosque.
- Use resources from School House for the children to learn.

Learning outcomes:

I can explain how it felt to have to stop doing something to reach the target we had set.

I can use the right words to describe how Muslims pray and begin to explain why they do this.

I can start to think through how praying 5 times a day might help in some ways more than others.

Diagrams and symbols



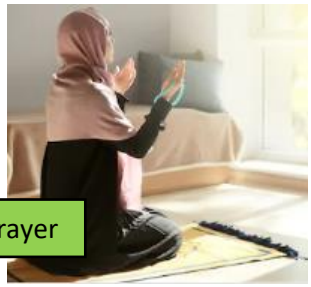
Prayers at the Mosque



Mecca







Salat Prayer













Prayer Mats