

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Facts

Muslims believe that Muhammad is the founder of the religion of Islam, and is considered to be a messenger and prophet of God. Muslims believe he was the last of the Islamic prophets, which included Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.

The Koran is a book in the Arabic language that Muslims believe to be the actual words of Allah.

## Key skills

Islam

- To understand that Muslims believe 'there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger'.
- To know some key points about Muhammad's life.
- To understand the importance of the Koran to Muslim believers.
- To be able to identify some key beliefs through Islamic stories
- To know what the 5 pillars are.
- To know something of the design and purpose of a mosque.

## **Pillar 1 Shahadah**

This Pillar is believing and saying the words. "There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah".

## **Pillar 2 Salah**

This Pillar is praying five times a day. There are set prayers which Muslims should say, and all Muslims should face Mecca in Arabia when praying, and should pray on a prayer mat. People should wash before they pray.

## **Pillar 3 Zakah**

Each year, Muslims are supposed to give some of their savings for charity such as helping the poor.

## **Pillar 4 Sawm**

Muslim people must not eat food and drink during the month of Ramadan during daylight hours.

## **Pillar 5 Hajj**

This is making a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in your life, if it can be afford it.

