



TERM 1: K - 6 Syllabus 2023

Back to Basics – The Five Pillars

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Important Teacher Notes:

- Please **ABIDE** by the syllabus.
- You need to make sure your lesson for that week corresponds with the topic.
- It is **VERY** important to inform your school and supervisor if you are unable to attend your Scripture Class.
- For any inquiries or questions please contact your supervisor or the ISRE office.
- Only use the approved links provided for each lesson.
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! IMPORTANT NOTE TO TEACHERS:

As-Salamu ‘alaykum Dear Teacher,

Inshaa’Allah you are in the best of health and Iman. May Allah SWT reward you immensely for your teaching efforts. We encourage you to make scripture lessons as relevant and interesting as possible so that students enjoy coming to scripture! Please try to support the participation of each student.

Da’wah (spreading the message of Islam) is recognised by most scholars as being **OBLIGATORY** for all Muslims. The Prophet SAW instructed us to **“convey from me, even one verse” (Bukhari)**. As scripture teachers, we are fulfilling this obligation Inshaa’Allah.

The Benefits of Da’wah

1. Achieving the pleasure of Allah SWT (Glorified and Exalted is He).
2. You are given the great favour by Allah SWT to follow in the footsteps of the greatest man, Muhammad SAW, as a Da’ee.
3. You are an ambassador of Islam, inspiring others weekly.
4. “Allah (SWT), His angels and all those in the Heavens and on Earth, even ants in their ant-hills and fish in the water, call down blessings **on those who instruct others to beneficial knowledge**” (Tirmidhi).
5. You are being part of the change you want to see in the world! Your incredible efforts are continuing to inspire and improve future generations.
6. You are strengthening your own relationship with Allah SWT. The knowledge you read and share weekly increases your knowledge and spiritual growth.
7. By giving Da’wah and passing on authentic knowledge we are also protecting ourselves from the punishment of Allah SWT and gaining a Sadiqah Jariyah Inshaa’Allah.

NOTES on ABBREVIATIONS

***Please explain the importance and meaning of these salutations and encourage students to use these regularly. Please say these words **in their entirety** (e.g. “*Sub-hanahu Wa Ta’ala*”). Do **NOT** say the lettered abbreviation (e.g. “SWT”).

- **SWT-** *Subhanahu wa Ta’ala* - May He be Glorified - used after Allah’s glorious Name.
- **PBUH-** (*Peace be upon him*) or **SAW-** *SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam* - used after the Prophet Muhammad’s name as a mark of respect and to say ‘May Allah SWT’s peace and prayers be upon the Prophet.’ (**PBUH** and the **SAW** are used interchangeably in the Syllabus).
- **AS-** *Alayhissalam*- May Allah SWT peace be on them - used after the name of other Prophets.
- **RAA-** *RadhiAllahu’anhu / RadhiAllahu’anha*- May Allah be pleased with him/her. (Normally used for companions of the Prophet SAW).

Teachers are kindly reminded:



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Follow the Syllabus closely!

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Encourage worship by instilling the love of Allah SWT and our Deen (religion).



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NOT to discuss sects, politics or other religions.

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NOT to discuss hellfire, hate, the grave, punishment, jinn’s/Devils.

STARTING YOUR LESSON

- 1. SALAMS:** We know that teaching scripture may sometimes be challenging, and that a good start to each lesson is important, so teachers should start each lesson enthusiastically, using the Islamic greeting:

"As-salamu 'alaykum..."

"peace be upon you"

Encourage students to respond with the reply of *"wa-alaikum Assalamu wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,"* (and may the peace and mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you). Please explain the meaning. Try to always use this greeting, as spreading this greeting was described in hadith as one of the best things that a Muslim can do!

- 2. DUA:** Teachers may find it helpful to then begin their lesson by reciting and explaining the following Dua of Prophet Musa AS with students. Teachers should explain that this Dua can be used to help with important tasks, speeches, to improve confidence and communication. Teachers can mention how saying it helps calm you as you start your lesson.

*Rabbishrah lee sadree, Wayassir lee amree, Wahlul 'Uqdatam-mil-li saanee,
Yafqahoo qawlee* (Surat Ta-Ha, verses 25-28)

"O my Lord! Expand for me my chest (grant me peace, contentment and confidence); ease my task for me; and remove the impediment from my speech (remove incorrectness from my speech/ help me say the right things), so that they understand what I say."

- 3. AL FATIHA/BISMILLAH:** Teachers may find it beneficial to start each lesson with Surat Al-Fatiha, or by saying "Bismillah" (in the Name of Allah) with students. We want students to understand that we start every good thing remembering Allah SWT. The syllabus aims to always include some discussion of Allah SWT's Glorious 99 Names each term in order to help increase an awareness and love of Allah SWT in our lives and in every act we do.

ENDING THE LESSON: At the end of each lesson, try to conclude with the following closing Dua. The Prophet SAW informed us that if this Dua is said at the end of a gathering, Allah SWT will forgive us for any intentional or accidental mistakes we might have made during the gathering.





Subhanaka Allahumma wa bi hamdika ashadu an la ilaha illa anta astaghfiruka wa atubu ilayk

O Allah! You are free from every imperfection; praise be to you. I testify that there is none worthy of worship except you; I ask Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance.

SYLLABUS STRUCTURE:



*****The Syllabus Structure has now changed** to try to provide more age-appropriate content and ease of use. The Kindy syllabus is now separate and at the start of the syllabus, followed by the Years 1 – 6 Syllabus content. Kindy is to review past lessons for Revision Lesson and teachers can refer to additional handout. Lessons will generally contain the below structure/ information and icons:

| LESSONS LEARNT / REFLECTIONS |  | ATTENTION TEACHER / PLEASE NOTE |  or *** |
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| STORY (optional) |  | VIDEO LINKS (optional) |  |

KINDY SYLLABUS

LESSON 1: Welcome to Scripture

Learning the Muslim Greeting

As-Salamu 'alaykum everyone. My name is <say Teacher name> and I'm so glad to be your scripture teacher this year Alhamdulillah! We'll be having an exciting year of scripture and will learn a lot about **Allah SWT** and our religion **Islam**, Inshaa'Allah. We are here today because we are **Muslims**, and all Muslims are one big family – so I am very excited to meet you all! Soon we will play a game to get to know each other but first - let's talk a bit about Allah SWT. **Allah** is the Arabic word for God. Allah SWT is our Maker/creator, **the One and Only God**, the All- Powerful and Most -Kind! He made me and you and gave us the gift of Islam!

In our wonderful classes we will learn together more about Allah SWT. But first let us learn how to say Hello to one another as Muslims. Did you know that even though Muslims live all around the world and speak different languages, we all have the same special way to say "Hello" and "Goodbye." We say: **"As-salamu'alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu!"** which means you hope that the person has **peace and blessings and mercy from Allah SWT!** Muslims reply by saying – **"Wa alaikumu as-salam wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu"** meaning may **the peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be with you too!** When we use this greeting, Allah SWT gives us lots of **'hasanat'** – **hasanat** are like rewards, points or ticks we get recorded for us every time we do a good deed.

- ☑ **Salam/Greeting GAME:** Let's play a game to practice this, first I need to pick a student's name- (select student). ****Teacher's put both hands behind your back, then say/sing as follows (**Use tune from Where is thumbkin Rhyme - refer teacher resources if unsure- watch video).**

"Where is(student name 1), where is ... (student name 1)..bring right hand forward, wave and say:

*"Here I am... Here I am!"... then bring left hand forward and shake 2 hands together and say **"As-Salamu'alaykum," "As-Salamu'alaykum," "Walakoom mis'salam!" "Walakoom mis'salam!"***

*Let's sing it together, place your hands behind your back...who's name can I select now? Choose as many student names as you want and repeat with class accordingly. ****You may also ask them to play it with the person besides them and shake/greet with each other's hands.***

Getting to Know You GAME: SALAM, NAME, ALHAMDULILLAH

SAY: OK class, now, let's learn more about you by playing a game! This game is called **SALAM, NAME, ALHAMDULILLAH**. **"Alhamdulillah"** is how we say, **"thank you Allah,"** and **"all praise is for Allah"** in Arabic. We'll go around the class/ or you can put your hand up if you want to give it a go. To play you need to: *First say **"As-Salamu'alaykum,"** Second, say your NAME, Third, say ALHAMDULLIAH, thank you Allah for.....*

CONCLUSION (2 mins): Thank the students for sharing some things about themselves and if time allows put the suggested Salam video link on website to reinforce the Islamic greeting.

LESSON 2: Allah SWT is my Lord (Rabb)

Last week we learnt that “Allah” is one of the Arabic words for God, and whenever we hear Allah SWT mentioned, we say “**Subhanahu wa Ta'ala**” (may He be glorified) out of respect for Allah SWT.

Let’s remember that it is Allah SWT who **created everything** around us - the things we can see and those that we can’t. He SWT made all of us people, animals, plants, rivers, oceans, insects, planets, stars - every natural thing we see in the world!! Muslims are special people who believe that **there is only one God** - Allah SWT. He is the One and **True Rabb!**

Rabb means Lord. Allah is our Lord- the King of the Heavens and the Earth. He SWT is in control of everything, and everything belongs to Him - we belong to Allah SWT! There is no one like Allah SWT.

Our Rabb loves us and looks after us at all times. In fact, when you were inside your mother’s tummy it was Allah SWT that allowed you to grow into a beautiful baby. Allah SWT loves you more than anyone in this world. He watches you, hears everything and sees everything. Allah SWT protects you at all times. He is the MOST KIND, MOST LOVING, MOST CARING LORD!!! He is our RABB!

Can we learn to say beautiful words “**SUBHANA RABBI AL ATHEEM**” which means how perfect is **My Lord** the most Magnificent! ***Ask Students to repeat x 3.*

Class Activity: Let’s play the Muslim Identity Activity: Go around the class and see who can say:

1. My name is (*student says their name*)
2. I love Allah!
3. I am Muslim!

LESSON 3: Allah SWT is One (Ahad).

As-Salamu ‘alaykum little ones, let’s recap last lesson we learnt that Allah SWT is our Creator, Maker, our Lord; our Rabb. Can anyone remember the special phrase we learnt? “**SUBHANA RABBI AL ATHEEM**” which means how perfect is **my Lord** the most Magnificent!

Today, we will learn more important things about our Rabb, Allah SWT! It is very important boys and girls that we know that Allah SWT is not like us. Allah SWT is very special and looks nothing like anyone. Allah SWT is **ONE - the AHAD**. Can we say “AHAD” this means He SWT is the only one we believe in who created and made everything. He SWT is the only one we pray to- we do not pray to anyone except Allah SWT. We ask Allah SWT for help with everything because He SWT controls everything!

So as Muslim’s we have a special word, we say to show our belief-it is called **Shahadah** maybe you have heard this part of it before:

Repeat after me English and Arabic (show index finger to indicate one):

“La illaha illa Allah”

“There is no God but Allah”

Allah SWT is The One - **Al Ahad** (***Use finger to indicate the number one*) - nothing is like Him. He doesn’t need anyone. He is **All Powerful**. Allah SWT hears, sees, and knows EVERYTHING! Nothing can be hidden from Allah SWT, not even our secret thoughts! Allah SWT is the Lord of everything!

This is also why as Muslims we say **“Subhan’ Allah!”** (How glorious, amazing and marvellous is Allah!). Let’s practice saying **“Subhan Allah”** again. (**Repeat slowly together).

**End the lesson with saying the Shahadah – It is the best thing we can ever say! Practice the first part of the Shahadah together. If time allows, watch Shahadah video link on ISRE web or go to worksheets.

LESSON 4: Muhammad SAW is My Prophet.

Last week we started learning about special words that mean we believe in one God. Let’s see who remembers what we learnt last week?

“La illaha illa Allah”

“There is no God but Allah”

Today, we will learn about a very special man that Allah SWT choose to teach us about Islam. His name was Muhammad. Muhammad SAW was chosen by Allah SWT to be His Messenger. A Messenger or Rasool (in Arabic) is someone who delivers a message. Have you ever delivered a message for your teacher or your parent? Delivering a message is a very important job because you have to make sure the person receives it and understands it.

Important point before we continue; Muhammad SAW was specially picked by Allah SWT to be the last and final Messenger, whenever we hear the **Prophet Muhammad** mentioned, it is very important to say **SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam** for respect. Allah SWT gives us many rewards/hasanat for showing this respect so let’s see who is listening carefully and can say **SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam** whenever you hear me say Muhammad... **SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam!**

Muhammad SAW taught us **how to be good Muslims** and how to go to Jannah/Paradise. Jannah is a beautiful place we all want to go to one day Inshaa Allah. (In Jannah, Allah SWT will reward us for all our efforts to be good Muslims!).

Prophet Muhammad SAW always made others feel special and cared for. He is the best example for the **whole world** to follow because he taught us how to have **excellent manners**, to be kind and honest, to treat people fairly and with respect. And most importantly, Prophet Muhammad SAW taught us about Allah SWT.

ATTENTION GRABBER SUGGESTION: Use the Shahadah or the Dhikr learnt so far or to gain attention throughout the year. Tell students: *Sometimes I might need to get your attention and I might say some words that help us calm down to help get your attention and you’ll need to reply so that I know that you’re listening and paying attention. So, when I call out “Subhana Rabbi” you will say: “Al Atheem” and put your eyes on me. Or if I stop and say “La illaha illallah”, you will stop what you’re doing and reply with “Muhammadun Rasoolullah!” and focus on me!”*

LESSON 5: Quran is my Book

Let’s recap so far...

- ✓ Allah is Our Rabb; He is One/ Ahad – We believe in Allah SWT
- ✓ **LĀ ’ILĀHA ’ILLĀ -LLĀH... means** *There is no god but ALLAH*
- ✓ We are Muslims and belong to the religion of Islam
- ✓ Prophet Muhammad SAW is the Messenger of Allah SWT and we say **SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam** whenever we hear his name.

Today, we will learn about the most important book in the world. This book is so special because it is the words of Allah SWT!! It was sent to Prophet Muhammad SAW through a special Angel named Jibril AS. Angels are special creations of Allah SWT and made out of light! We can't see them, but they surround us on Earth, and they are Allah SWT's special helpers! Angel Jibril AS is also a messenger. He delivered the message of a special book- does anyone want to guess the name of this special book?

Yes, the **"QURAN!"**. The Quran is the final, the last and PERFECT message from Allah SWT to everyone. The Quran is full of beautiful words and helps us to be good respectful, loving and caring people!

Did you know the first word and instruction given to us from Allah SWT was **'IQRA'** which means to Read, Recite, Learn! Subhan Allah, we are told the importance of reading, learning, seeking knowledge especially learning about Allah SWT!!

The Quran is in Arabic. Allah SWT choose this beautiful language to speak to us directly. Even if you do not know or understand Arabic, Allah SWT makes the Quran easy for you to remember. The first chapter is called Al-Fatiha, it is the first prayer we learn as Muslims.

We should try to learn the Arabic alphabet, listen, recite and understand the Quran from an early age inshaa Allah. The Quran is so important for us to use in our every day life- so we can live a happy and peaceful life. ***Teachers please play the link to help recite the chapter (Surah) Al-Fatiha together.*

LESSON 6: Islam Is My Way.

Islam is our way each and every day. We are Muslims who believe in the One and only God, Allah SWT!! We follow Allah's book The Quran and His Prophet Muhammad SAW.

Today we will say the whole Shahadah together and practice it. Remember the Shahadah are the special words that make you and me a Muslim. The Shahadah has 2 parts:

Part 1: **Ashhadu ana lā 'ilāha ' illā llāh** (*I believe) There is no God but Allah*

Part 2: **Wa ashadu ana muḥammadun rasūlu llāh** and (*I believe) that Muhammad SAW is His Messenger: (**Repeat 3 times with students; remember to raise index finger in part 1).*

This belief; boys and girls, is the key to Paradise/Jannah!! To be a good Muslims we need to show Allah SWT our love for Him in our actions. Belief in Allah SWT means we show kindness, truthfulness, honesty, we are respectful to our parents, families, teachers and friends, we are helpful, we try to be kind to all of Allah SWTs' creations!

*** Please recite following poem to students:*

MUSLIM

*I am a Muslim, Islam is my way.
My God is Allah, the creator of the day.
His book is the Quran- the best of speech.
The words of Allah - the Prophet would teach.
I am so blessed to have Islam as my guide.
It keeps my heart peaceful from inside.*

***** **END KINDY SYLLABUS** *****

YEARS 1 - 6 SYLLABUS

LESSON 1: Welcome to Scripture

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| Yr 1 & 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students develop understanding of the purpose of scripture Students develop their understanding of key terms (Allah SWT, Islam, Muslim, Alhamdulillah, good deeds). Students understand the Muslim greeting in Arabic and English. |
| Yr 3 & 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students understand the significance of attending scripture Students extend their understanding of key terms (including Allah SWT, Islam, Muslim, Alhamdulillah, good deeds, rewards/hasanat). Students understand the Muslim greeting in English and Arabic and practice responding to the Muslim greeting. |
| Yr 5 & 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students extend understanding of the significance of attending scripture. Students demonstrate understanding of key terms (including Allah SWT, Islam, Muslim, Alhamdulillah, good deeds, rewards/hasanat). Students develop understanding, fluency and confidence saying and responding to the Muslim greeting. |

YEAR 1 – YEAR 6

INTRO (10 mins):

As-Salamu ‘alaykum everyone. My name is _____ and I’m so glad to be your scripture teacher this term Alhamdulillah! Inshaa’Allah we’re going to have an exciting and fun time learning about Allah SWT and Islam together and we’ll play games too! All of us here are Muslims and Muslims are one big family – we’re all brothers and sisters! So, we’re going to play a game to get to know each other but before that – why don’t we start by talking about the most important focus of everything we do- **Allah SWT!** Allah SWT is our Creator, the Only God, the Most Kind, the Most Loving and the Most Powerful!

So, what do you know about Allah SWT? * Briefly allow a few students to mention their prior knowledge, and prompt discussion around:**

- Allah** is the Arabic word for God and is one of His many Names which describe Him. Allah SWT is the **One and Only God (Al Ahad)**. Allah SWT does NOT have any children or parents, or partners and He does not need any.
- Allah SWT is our Creator, **Al Khaaliq** - He made us and all the natural world, the planets, stars, oceans, trees, flowers, air, animals, stones, and mountains. He gave us our brains to make things too, like houses, trains, computers etc...
- Allah SWT is so amazing! That’s why we say, **‘Subhanahu wa Ta’ala’ (SWT)** after we say His name - it means, **‘how Glorious and Magnificent is Allah!’**
- Allah SWT made us, loves us and always wants the best for us! He wants us to worship and remember Him always. He sent special people, called Messengers, to teach us the **Deen** or the religion, called **ISLAM**, which is the best way of living. People who believe in Allah SWT and His last and Messenger, Prophet Muhammad SAW, are called **MUSLIMS**. (More on this soon Insha’Allah!)

This Term we will be leaning about the 5 Pillars of Islam, or the 5 Compulsory Must Do’s for Muslims. Allah SWT tells us: **“My servant does not draw closer to Me by anything more beloved to Me than that which I have made obligatory (or compulsory/necessary) for him/her...”** (Hadith Qudsi) so we need to learn about the must do’s if we want to be good Muslims and get close to Allah SWT.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCRIPTURE (5 min):

These scripture classes are special for a few reasons. Do you know what happens when you learn more about Allah SWT or Islam?

“Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise. When a group of people assemble for the remembrance of Allah SWT, the Angels surround them (with their wings), (Allah’s) mercy envelops them, Sakinah, or tranquillity (peace) descends on them, and Allah makes a mention of them before those who are near Him.” (Muslim).

From this hadith, we learn that trying to learn more and more for Allah SWT means that you will be rewarded with an easy path to Jannah! Subhan Allah. Remembering Allah SWT a lot and learning for His Sake is one of the ways to become **closer** to Allah SWT. So how do we **learn more**? We can **ask trusted people** around us like our parents, we can **read books** and **watch Islamic videos**, we can **ask questions** about things we don’t understand. We can make **Dua** to Allah SWT to allow you to learn a lot of beneficial knowledge and for it to be easy for you! The more we learn about Allah SWT and Islam, the more we love Islam!

And whenever we are here, learning about Allah SWT, Islam and what it means to be a Muslim, special angels who seek out learning groups like ours, join and gather around us with their big, beautiful wings all the way up to the sky! These wonderful Angels make Dua for us, and Allah SWT sends us His peace and proudly even tells other Angels about us! **So, let’s not waste a second! Let’s think of some ways to make the most of our time together...**

BRAINSTORM (5 mins): *What rules could help us make the most of our time together? (***Discuss just a few key rules, write up on the board/butcher’s paper if possible. Keep rules positive and simple, e.g)*

- 1) ***We say “As-Salamu’alaykum,” when we meet***
- 2) ***We raise a hand and wait for permission when you want to talk***
- 3) ***We listen politely to others when they are talking without interrupting.***
- 4) ***We stay focussed by facing the teacher when he/she is talking***
- 5) ***We answer questions and participate in discussion.***
- 6) ***We respect and look after our workbooks!***

LET’S LEARN MORE ABOUT MUSLIMS (5 min)

Did you know, there are 1.9 billion Muslims who live all around the world and speak different languages – but we all have the same special way to say “Hello” and “Goodbye?!” We say: **“As-salamu’alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu!”** which means we hope the person **has peace and all good things, blessings, and mercy from Allah SWT!** Muslims reply by saying – **“Wa alaikumu as-salam wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu”** meaning may **the peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be with you too!** When we use this greeting, Allah SWT gives us lots of **‘hasanat’** – **hasanat** are rewards that get recorded for us every time we do a good deed. So, just for saying that, we are actually getting good deeds! How many hasanat do you think you get for saying the Salam?

“... A man passed by the prophet of Allah SAW while he was sitting with some others and said “Salaam walaikum”. The Prophet SAW said, “He will have ten (10) hasanats.” Another man passed by and said “Salaam walaikum wa rahmat-Allah.” The Prophet SAW said, he will have 20 hasanats.” Then another man passed and he said “Assalamu-walaikum wa rahmat -Allaahi wa barakaatuhu.” The Prophet SAW

said, he will have 30 hasanats” (Bukhari). Alhamdulillah, how easy is it to get hasanat from Allah SWT! Just by saying the Salam and greeting others nicely! Let’s say our Salams every lesson inshaa’Allah!

***** YEAR 1 – 2 Teachers - please continue to the GAME/ OPTION below.**

EXTENSION YEARS 3 – 6: Let’s learn a Dua to help us learn more! This Dua is from the Quran! *“Rabbi zidni ‘ilma”* (My Lord, increase me in knowledge!) (Quran 20:114). Let’s try to say *“Rabbi zidni ‘ilma”* at the start of every scripture lesson to ask Allah SWT to increase us in beneficial knowledge inshaa’Allah!

Getting to Know You GAME: (15mins) SALAM, NAME, ALHAMDULLIAH

****TEACHERS:** You can cut down parts of the game further if required (e.g., only SALAM & NAME for Year 1) or add a 15 – 20 second time limit for older student responses to make it more challenging (*a student can be your Timekeeper and perhaps clap when the time limit is reached*). Please model activity after explaining the game, e.g., *“Ok, so now I will go first.... As-salamu-alaikum wa rahmat -Allaahi wa barakaatuhu everyone! My name is Miss/Mr _____ and Alhamdulillah, thank you Allah for _____”*

SAY: Let’s learn more about you by playing a game called SALAM, NAME, ALHAMDULLIAH. *“Alhamdulillah”* is how we say, *“thank you Allah,”* and *“all praise is for Allah”* in Arabic.

We’ll go around the class/ or you can put your hand up if you want to give it a go. To play you need to:

1. First say *“As-Salamu’alaykum,”*
2. Second, say your NAME,
3. Third, say ALHAMDULLIAH, *thank you Allah for....*

***** Remember to thank the students for sharing about themselves.**

ATTENTION GRABBER OPTION: Use the Shahadah or a Dhikr phrase to gain attention throughout the year. Tell students: *Sometimes I might need to get your attention and I might say some words that help us all calm down and to help get your attention. You’ll need to reply so that I know that you’re listening and paying attention. So, if I call out ‘Bismillahir...’ you stop what you’re doing and reply ‘Rahman, Ar-Raheem!’ and put your eyes on me! Or if I stop and say “La illaha illal-lah...”, you will stop what you’re doing and reply with “Muhammadun Rasoolullah!” and focus on me!”* (Practice this a few times – you can also use phrase *“Hasbunallah..”* students reply *“wa ni’mal-Wakil”*. Try teaching both English meaning and the Arabic to gain attention. (e.g you say *“Enough for us is Allah,”* students say *“He is the best to rely on.”*)

LESSONS LEARNT (3mins):

- **Our time together is very precious and valuable** – we need to come on time and be ready to learn. There is nothing more important than Allah SWT and what He loves and how we can be closer to Allah SWT. So, let’s care for our time together by sticking to scripture rules and by asking Allah SWT to increase us in knowledge about Islam.
- **Muslims must do good things.** Muslims are told to be people who encourage the good and prevent the bad. Whatever good you learn, you can share with family and friends and be a teacher of Islam too! Start by sharing the Muslim greeting with your family and perhaps sharing with them something you are thankful for and say *“Alhamdulillah”*!

LESSON 2: Shahadah (Pillar 1, Part 1)

Yr 1 & 2

- Students understand that there are two critical parts to the First Pillar (the Shahadah).
- Students can identify the first part of the first Pillar, belief in one God (Allah SWT).
- Students learn some attributes and Names of Allah SWT.
- Students learn that Muslims say Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, (SWT) to glorify Allah.

Yr 3 & 4

- Students extend understanding of the testimony of faith as the first Pillar of Islam and are introduced to the concept of Tawhid (belief in One God).
- Students develop understanding of Attributes/ Names of Allah SWT
- Students practice saying Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, to glorify Allah when His Name is mentioned.

Yr 5 & 6

- Students understand the importance of the concept of Tawheed for a Muslim.
- Students can identify some of the Attributes and Names of Allah SWT, including those in Surah al-Ikhlās (Quran 112).

STAGE 1

YEAR1 – YEAR 2

Last week we learnt that “Allah” is one of the Arabic words for God, and whenever we hear Allah SWT mentioned, we say “**Subhanahu wa Ta'ala**” (may He be glorified) out of respect for Allah SWT. Let’s remember that it is Allah SWT who **created everything** around us, the things we can see and those that we can’t. He SWT made all of us people, animals, plants, rivers, oceans, insects, planets, stars - every natural thing we see in the world!! Muslims are special people who believe that **there is only one God** - Allah SWT. He is the One and True Rabb/Lord! To show this belief, Muslims say an important sentence in Arabic which is called the **Shahadah**!

The Shahadah is what makes us a Muslim. It is called the first Pillar of Islam. A pillar is a strong thing, usually a strong part of a building, that holds and supports other part of a building. If the pillar is strong then it is likely the building will be strong as well. **In Islam, we have FIVE pillars that make us strong Muslims.** We will learn more about the 5 Pillars this term but today, let’s learn more about the **first Pillar**, called the Shahadah. This special sentence is: (****Point right index finger up and slowly say...*)

Ashadu an la ilaha illa-lah,

I believe There is no God but Allah

wa ashadu anna Muhammadun rasūlu llāh

and I believe that Muhammad is His Messenger

(***The second part of Shahadah is introduced to students here but will be discussed more next week*).

Let’s repeat the first part of the Shahadah in English and Arabic:

“La illaha illa Allah”

“There is no God but Allah”

**Repeat x3
together in both
Arabic & English.**

So, the first part focuses on Allah SWT. He is the One (**Al Ahad**) (****Use fingers to indicate the number one*) because nothing is like Him. He doesn’t need anyone. He has no father, no mother, no brother, no sister, no daughter, no son!!! He is not related to anybody, and He does not have any partners. Nothing and no one is the same as Allah SWT.

He never gets tired, so He never sleeps, or eats, or drinks because He is **All Powerful and Super!** Allah SWT hears, sees, and knows every single thing in the universe! Nothing can be hidden from Allah SWT, not even our secret thoughts! Allah SWT knows all about them too.

Allah SWT is the One who made us Muslims and gave us Islam. He is the **Most Kind- Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem** (the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful). When we are amazed by how great and magnificent Allah SWT, Muslims say **“Subhan’ Allah!”** (*How glorious and amazing and marvellous is Allah!*). Let’s practice saying “Subhan Allah” again. (****Repeat slowly together*).



LESSONS LEARNT:

- **Muslims believe in and worship/obey Allah SWT only.** Allah SWT guides us to do the right things at all times, this means We do what **He loves** and keep **away from what He dislikes**. He SWT loves us and always wants what is best for us. The Shahadah is the best thing we can ever say, and we are so blessed to be MUSLIMS! We need to repeat these words every single day to remind our hearts about Allah SWT! Can we all say proudly; **“La illaha illa Allah”**. (***Play Nasheed to reinforce this*).

STAGES 2 & 3

YEARS 3 – 6

Every building has pillars/ like columns/ poles that hold it up and support it. If the bottom and the walls of the building are strong, then everything else inside of the building will be strong as well. For Islam, these pillars are known as **The Five Pillars of Islam**.

These Pillars are important for every single Muslim. The Prophet SAW said:

“Islam is built on five (Pillars): Declaring that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establishing prayer (salah), paying Zakat, Hajj and fasting Ramadan.” (Bukhari).



OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Ask a student to trace their hand on the board and label a pillar on each illustrated finger as you go OR you can draw (or use blocks to build) a building with 5 pillars/ columns.

Allah SWT made the 5 Pillars **compulsory** for every Muslim – they help keep us guided on the **straight path** (what Muslims call the *Sirat Al-Mustaqueem*) and helps us live the correct way all our lives.

Remember, whenever the name Allah SWT is mentioned, we should say **“Subhanahu wa Ta'ala”** (may He be glorified) out of respect for Allah SWT. And whenever we hear or mention the Prophet Muhammad, we say, **“sallallahu alayhi wa salaam”** (may Allah SWT’s peace and prayers be on him). This increases our love for the Prophet SAW and Allah SWT will bless and raise your rank, inshaa’Allah.

Significance/ Importance of the Shahadah:



Why are you a Muslim? Because you were born into a Muslim family? What really makes you a Muslim? Belief in the Shahadah – the declaration of faith - is the first and most important Pillar of Islam because **it is what makes you a Muslim!** The Shahadah is the main part of our Muslim identity and connects us to all other Muslims! The Shahadah is how we declare our *Iman* (faith)- belief and love of Allah SWT!

The Shahadah is what any person must say to become Muslim! It was the **first thing** whispered into your ears as a baby! These words (also called the **Kalima**) are so important because they are the **key to Jannah/Paradise!** *Fun Fact:* Muslims actually say the Shahadah a few times in the **Athan** (call to prayer)

and in **Salah** (prayer) every day!! However, we need to understand how to use this key to Jannah and live by it. So, let's try to understand the Shahadah. There are 2 parts:

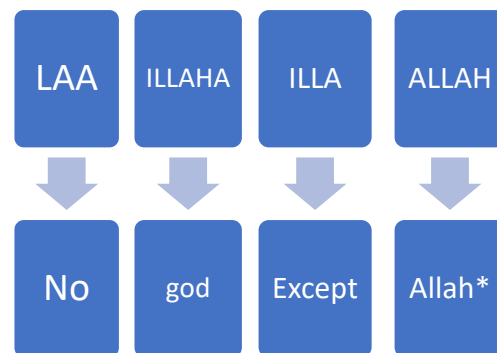
- Firstly, that you believe and are certain without a doubt that: *There is no God but Allah* - **Ashhadu ana lā 'ilāha ' illā llāh.**
- And secondly, that Muhammad SAW is His Messenger: ***wa ashadu ana muḥammadun rasūlu llāh.***

Today we will look closely at the first part of the Shahadah:

Ashhadu: meaning that you “**declare or state**” make a statement of something to be true. When you declare something and testify to it, it shows you are proud about it and that you strongly believe in it.



Let's break the rest of it up.... (**Write on board, if possible, for added clarity):



*Allah = *The God*, the Arabic word for God is Allah SWT. Allah SWT has many names and the best of them is the name **Allah** SWT!

So, Muslims believe and declare that there is No God but Allah SWT **worthy or deserving** of our worship. Believing in just one God is called **Tawheed** (**you can write this key word on the board). Tawheed means we worship Allah SWT alone; we only ask Allah SWT for whatever we need, we live and do things for Allah SWT alone and do things only to make Allah SWT happy with us. We do not worship or put before Allah SWT any idols, people, celebrities, Prophets, imams, graves or saints or **ANY OTHER CREATION**.

Instead, we **WORSHIP and obey ONLY our CREATOR/ Maker Allah SWT!!** Sometimes, we get distracted with things like our phones, TV, celebrities/idols, and we unintentionally lose our focus on Allah SWT, like when people play on their PlayStation when they should be praying! Allah SWT should be our top **priority/ importance** - so pray first and then play!

Who is Allah SWT to you?

To love someone, we must first know them. The first step to understanding the Shahadah is to **know who Allah SWT** is. Learning about Allah SWT will bring you closer to Him and help you love Him. Knowledge is power and knowledge of Allah SWT is the **greatest power!**

Allah SWT describes Himself in a special book He sent us, called **the Quran**, so that we can learn about Him and the purpose of our lives. **Reading and understanding the Quran is the best way to help us get closer to Allah SWT.** There's a special chapter in the **Quran**, called **Surat Al-Ikhlāṣ (Sincerity, Quran: 112)** that tells us about Allah SWT. The chapter/ Surah is very short with only 4 **Ayats** (verses/sentences) but tells us a lot about **Tawheed** and helps us understand more about Allah SWT!

Bismi l-lāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥīm

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Qul huwal laahu ahad

1. Say, “He is Allah, [who is] One,

Allahus samad

2. Allah, the Eternal and Absolute. (Meaning He doesn’t need anyone or anything!)

Lam yalid wa lam yoolad

3. He does not have children, nor is born, (He does not have a family)

Wa lam yakul-lahu kufuwan ahad

4. And there is none comparable to Him.” (Allah SWT **is not like anyone or anything**- He SWT is special and unique!).

These short sentences are easy to learn and important to understand. Our Creator is the **AHAD**, the One and Only in Control, **AS SAMAD**, the Limitless and Perfect Being that everything relies on! How magnificent is Allah SWT! **Subhan Allah!** *When Muslims are amazed by how great and magnificent Allah SWT is, we say “Subhan’ Allah!” (How glorious and amazing and marvellous is Allah!).*



LESSONS LEARNT

- **Islam is a gift from Allah SWT!** Embrace it, learn it, love it, hold tight to it as you live it. NEVER ignore your belief and never take it for granted. Alhamdulillah that we are Muslim! The first part of our Shahadah means making **Allah SWT our main focus in life!** And so, the Quran should be our focus also. We are Muslims just for ourselves and Allah SWT, not for family, friends or community.
- **The Shahadah “La ilaha illallah” is the best dhikr/remembrance!** (Tirmidhi). The Prophet SAW said, “Whoever dies knowing that there is no one worthy of worship EXCEPT ALLAH shall **enter Paradise**” (Sahih Muslim). This is why we repeat La illah illa Allah over and over, every day! Now that you understand what it means, say it with sincerity because this is how the key of Paradise works.
- **The Shahadah teaches us Tawheed- that Allah SWT is the only one we rely on.** So, Muslims don’t believe/rely on star signs/ horoscopes, fortune telling, good/bad luck, charms, or omens etc. Muslims are certain that **nothing** happens without the permission of Allah SWT. The Prophet SAW said: “**Know that what has passed you by was not going to happen; and that what has happened to you was not going to pass you by....**” (Al-Tirmidi). Salah and Dua helps us since only Allah SWT is in control.

LESSON 3: Shahadah (Pillar 1, Part 2)

Yr 1 & 2

- Students deepen understanding of the second part of the Shahadah, and some characteristics of final Prophet, Muhammad SAW.
- Students understand the final Book sent to us through Muhammad SAW, the Quran and its purpose.

Yr 3 & 4

- Students extend understanding of the importance to follow the example of Prophet Muhammad SAW and of develop a relationship with the Quran.
- Students practice saying both parts of the Shahadah in English and Arabic.

Yr 5 & 6

- Students can identify in Arabic and English both parts of the Shahadah
- Students understand the importance, benefits and impact of belief (Pillar 1, the Shahadah) for their lives.

STAGE 1

YEAR 1 – YEAR 2

Last week we started learning about the Shahadah, the first and the most important Pillar of Islam. We learnt about the first part of the Shahadah. Today, we will talk about **the second part**. But first, let's see who remembers the first part we learnt last week?

ASH-HADUN LĀ 'ILĀHA 'ILLĀ -LLĀH... *There is no god but ALLAH.*

The next part goes like this...

WA-'AŠHADU 'ANNA MUḤAMMADAN RASŪLU -LLĀH! This means, **I believe Muhammad SAW is the Prophet and Messenger of Allah SWT.** Muhammad SAW is the name of a man who was specially picked by Allah SWT to be the last and final Messenger, so whenever we hear the **Prophet Muhammad** mentioned, it is very important to say **SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam** for respect. Allah SWT gives us many rewards for showing this respect so let's see who is listening carefully and can say **SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam** whenever you hear me say Muhammad... **SalAllahu alayhi Wassalam!**

A Messenger or Rasool is someone who delivers a message. Allah SWT's message is *La illaha illa Allah* (there is no God but Allah SWT). Allah SWT sent this message with all of his Messengers called Prophets. There are many Prophets in Islam the first one was Prophet Adam AS, Prophet Nuh AS, Ibrahim AS and many, many more. Prophet Muhammad SAW (remind to say the SAW) ... was the **last** Messenger Allah SWT sent to teach the world **about Allah SWT and about Islam.**

Allah SWT sent Muhammad SAW a special book, called the **Quran**, which has Allah SWT's instructions and rules and lots of information to help us live our lives the correct way! *Who has a Quran at home?* The Prophet Muhammad SAW helped to explain the Quran to us and showed us how follow Allah SWT's instructions in the Quran. So, we **follow the actions and teachings of the Messenger Muhammad SAW in order to get closer to Allah SWT.**

What does it mean to follow someone's actions/ways? It means you copy them and try to be like them. We need to copy the actions of Muhammad SAW if we want to be a good person like him!

So, what did the Prophet Muhammad SAW do? He was the best example for the whole world to follow because he always had **excellent manners**, he was gentle, kind and honest, he treated people (and even animals) fairly and with **respect**. He always made others feel special and cared for! And Prophet

Muhammad SAW patiently taught everyone about Allah SWT and how to love Allah SWT. So, we love the Prophet Muhammad SAW for completing this mission!

His honesty and truthfulness:

Because we love Allah SWT's Prophet SAW, we should do our best to learn from him and be like him. One of the most important things the Prophet Muhammad SAW taught us was the importance of being truthful and honest. Everyone trusted him so much they would ask him to look after their things and would ask for his help. They all called him the Truthful and Trustworthy One! *Why do you think being truthful and honest is important?* (Allow students to suggest some reasons). The Prophet SAW said:

"Truthfulness..... leads to Paradise/Jannah!" (Bukhari).

Prophet Muhammad SAW taught us many, many things that we try to follow every single day. For example, do you know how he SAW taught us to eat? (*With our right hand!*); What to say before we eat? (*Bismillah!*); What to say what when we greet people? (*Salams*); How to treat others? (*Kindly! Smiling is also a sunnah/practice of the Prophet! Can you all show me your smiles? Mashaa'Allah!*).



LESSONS LEARNT:

- **The Shahadah is what we say to be Muslim;** the first part means we believe in and worship only one God, Allah SWT - the second part means **we believe in His Messenger**, Muhammad SAW and follow him as our guide in life.
- **Allah SWT tells us that Prophet Muhammad SAW was the best example to learn from.** We should then do our best to learn from Prophet Muhammad SAW actions as much as we can, so Allah SWT can love us too.

STAGES 2 & 3

YEARS 3 - 6

Last lesson we learnt the first part of our faith is to believe in Allah SWT alone, and that He is our Rabb/Lord (La illaha illah Allah). Today we will talk about the second part of the Shahadah; **ASHAHADU ANA MUHAMMADAN RASOOLALLAH!** – These special words mean that you believe that Muhammad SAW is a Prophet and Messenger of Allah SWT.

Allah SWT has sent over 124, 000 Prophets to remind people over and over to believe in Him. Prophets have knowledge of Allah SWT and His rules/ commands. Does anyone know who the first Prophet (Nabi) was? Adam AS!

A **Messenger** in Arabic is a **Rasool**. A messenger/Rasool is someone who **delivers a message!** The five best Messengers of Allah SWT (Ulu'l Azam) are: Nuh (Noah) AS, Ibrahim (Abraham) AS, Musa (Moses) AS, Issa (Jesus) AS and... can anyone guess the last one? Prophet Muhammad SAW! Yes, Allah SWT saved the very best for last!

Prophet Muhammad SAW was sent as a mercy and blessing to ALL of humankind. His purpose was the same as all the other Messengers- to guide **everyone on Earth** to believe in **La illaha illa Lah - That there is No God worthy of worship except for Allah SWT- The one true God.**

How much do you know about our Prophet?

- ✓ Prophet Muhammad SAW was born in Makkah and was the son of Abdullah and Aaminah

- ✓ Before becoming a Prophet, Muhammad SAW was well-known in Makkah as **As-Saadiq (the Truthful) and Al-Amin (the Trustworthy)**.
- ✓ Everyone loved him and went to him for his help and advice; even before he became a Prophet. He SAW was kind, wise and treated everyone equally; he helped anyone in need; he never hurt anyone or spoke a bad word even when people treated him badly.
- ✓ When Muhammad SAW was 40 years old, Allah SWT sent Angel Jibril AS (the greatest Angel) to inform Muhammad SAW of his special mission: to spread Allah SWT's guidance on Earth.

The Quran was sent down verse by verse for over 23 years to the Prophet SAW. Does anyone know what the first word revealed was? *"Iqra"/read recite! was the first word-revealed in Cave Hira!*

The Prophet Muhammad SAW is described in the Quran as being the BEST of creations and **"on an exalted (high standard) of character"** (Quran 68:4). So, Prophet Muhammad SAW is therefore our role model for everything we say and do. **"His SAW character was the Quran"** (Muslim). He SAW always did **exactly** what Allah SWT instructed him to do. Prophet Muhammad SAW displayed and explained to his followers (in the past and us today) the commands/rules of Allah SWT.

****STOP HERE FOR YEAR 3 AND 4 and move on to LESSONS LEARNT**

Alhamdulillah, Allah SWT has allowed Muslims to record, collect and preserve thousands of the Prophet SAW's words, actions and teachings. By following the **Prophet SAW's way**, we become part of the community or nation of Muhammad SAW, or the **UMMAH** of Muhammad SAW.

So, the Shahadah teaches us that the ONLY way to Allah SWT is by **following** His Rasool/ Messenger - this is why believing in the Messenger Muhammad SAW makes up the second part of the Shahadah. Believing in Allah SWT and the Prophet SAW **go hand in hand - you can't have one without the other.** Allah SWT repeats many times in the Quran that we need to **follow** Muhammad SAW:

"Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger... If you obey him, you shall be on right guidance. (24: 54). And "...whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, Allah shall allow him/her in the Gardens underneath which rivers flow. (Quran 4:13)

This means that if we want to get close to Allah SWT and be on the right path to enter Jannah, we:

1. **Believe** that everything the Prophet SAW told us is **true**.
2. **Love and follow the Prophet SAW** by following and listening to his advice very carefully. The more we learn about him, the more we love him and try to follow him! The Prophet SAW said, ***"...Whoever loves me will be with me in Jannah!"*** (Tirmidhi). Allah SWT gave the Prophet Muhammad SAW a great deal of knowledge to teach us. The Prophet SAW explained to us what is *halal* (allowed) and what is *haram* (not allowed); what Allah SWT likes and what He dislikes. ***"So, take whatever the Messenger gives you and keep away from what he bans you (from)" (Quran 59:7).*** Remember Prophet Muhammad SAW never spoke from his own feelings, he **only** said what Allah SWT commanded him to.
3. **Worship** Allah SWT the way the **Prophet SAW showed us**. For example, in the Quran it tells us that we have to pray, fast, and give charity. The Prophet SAW *showed us HOW* to pray correctly so we copy his actions. He SAW *taught us how to* fast and do actions pleasing to Allah SWT. We **do not add** things to the religion and make up our own rules; this is incorrect and is **not following** the Prophet SAW. There is no Prophet after Muhammad SAW, and no other book

after the Quran! **“The Religion with Allah is Islam” (Quran 3:19)** and Allah SWT promised to keep His religion (Deen) of Islam safe until the end of time!



LESSONS LEARNT:

- **Your identity is a Muslim!** The Shahadah is what we say to be Muslim, and what we repeat constantly in our day (e.g., during our Salah) to remind us of **who we are** – we are people who believe in Allah SWT and **follow** the Prophet Muhammad SAW. Repeat the Shahadah often and remind yourself that you are a Muslim, and honoured by Allah SWT, even Angels make Dua for you!
- **Muhammad SAW is a positive role model who inspires us to be better people!** Ask yourself: Who do you really love and follow? In today’s social media world, we are always liking and following certain celebrities, youtubers etc. Be careful who you follow because these people may **do haram things** and following the wrong behaviour can lead us away from Islam. Before you make that video or type that comment or send that pic, please ask yourself... **would Allah SWT and His Prophet SAW approve of this? Will this help me get into Jannah?**

EXTENSION / DISCUSSION POINT: What practices of the Prophet SAW, do you do every day? (*Saying Bismillah before anything, using right hand to eat, spreading Salam, smiling, obeying parents, Removing harm from a path etc*).

LESSON 4: Salah (Pillar 2), Zakat (Pillar 3), Hajj (Pillar 5)

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| Yr 1 & 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students understand the importance of Salah/ prayer and some of its requirements (e.g., to pray 5 times a day and are introduced to Wudu). • Students learn the third Pillar of Islam is paying Zakat, a charity to help the needy. • Students learn about the fifth Pillar, Hajj. |
| Yr 3 & 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students extend understanding of importance and benefits of these Pillars for themselves, others and the world. • Students learn there are types of prayers e.g. compulsory (Fard) & recommended but optional (Sunnah/ Naafil) prayers, the names and times for Fard (compulsory) prayers and more requirements for prayer (e.g. Wudu, Qiblah, clean space, focus, dress requirements). |
| Yr 5 & 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can recognise these Pillars with their Arabic terms. • Students explore ways to implement these Pillars in their lives. |

STAGES 1 - 3

YEAR 1 – YEAR 6

This lesson will describe **Pillar 2** – Salah/prayer, **Pillar 3** – Zakat/Charity and **Pillar 5** Hajj/ pilgrimage. So, it is an important lesson with lots to learn!

****Please Note:** This lesson encompasses content from Year 1 to 6 - When planning your lesson, please ensure to address the learning outcomes for Students in your class.

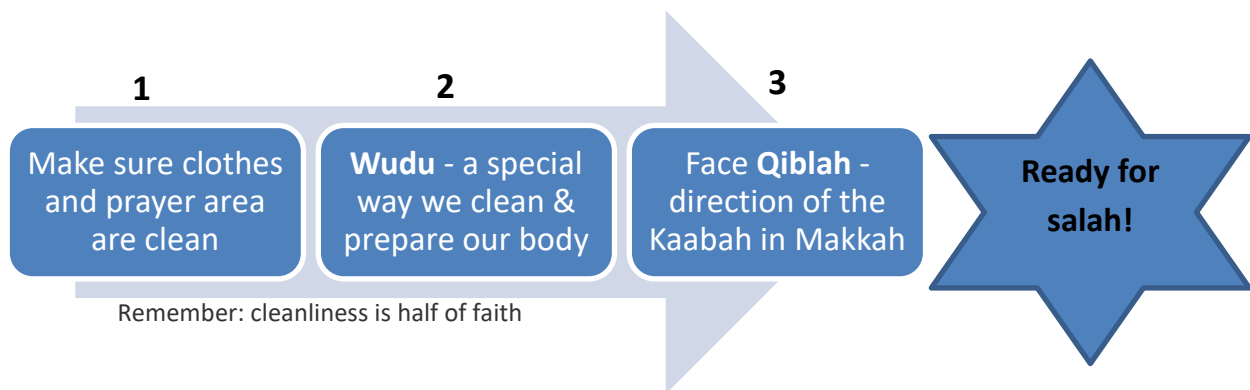


Salah or prayer is the second Pillar of Islam for Muslims. Salah is a way to stay close to Allah SWT and to get His help. Think about when you really, really love someone (like a parent, friend, or favourite teacher) - wouldn’t you love to speak to them every day and as often as you can? Yes! Well, no one is more important to talk to than Allah SWT- He loves, protects, provides for us and keeps us all safe and healthy every day!

We connect to Allah SWT through our Prayer (Salah) because Allah SWT loves when we remember Him. Allah SWT also loves it when we are thankful and appreciate the things He has given us. Remember the more we are thankful, Allah SWT gives us more blessings and Hasanat/ reward!

Prayer has a set of actions and must be prayed correctly, we do different actions and say specific things, which we stand, bow, sit, and prostrate, just the way Prophet Muhammad SAW taught us.

Important things to do before Salah are:



Next, we are called to Salah with the **Adhan** before every prayer (you may have heard this on someone's phone, radio or at the masjid). Then, there are five daily compulsory (Fard) prayers that all Muslims should perform.

| # | Name of Salah | Time to pray | Number of Rakat/ units (Set of actions) |
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| 1 | Fajr | Early morning prayer before sunrise; it helps us start our day by remembering Allah SWT | 2 |
| 2 | Dhur | Midday prayer; so, we don't forget Allah SWT even during our busiest times! | 4 |
| 3 | Asr | Late afternoon when you get home from school | 4 |
| 4 | Maghreb | After sun sets | 3 |
| 5 | Isha | Evening as you end your day you remember and thank Allah SWT. | 4 |
| What is the total number of Rakat per day? | | | 17 |

How long do you think it takes in a 24-hour day to pray? It usually just takes about 5 or so minutes to pray, so probably about half an hour or so of your day to pray all five! So many hasanat to collect for only half an hour every day! Subhan Allah, the short break we take to pray and connect with Allah SWT though helps our brain, bodies and souls to recharge and refocus on Allah SWT. Imagine how much stronger and recharged we could feel if we did our prayers slowly and carefully and really tried connecting with Allah SWT. Allah SWT says, **“remember me and I will remember you” (Quran 2:152)**. So, if we want Allah SWT's help, we need to pray and we will be winners and gridders insha'Allah!

Do you know Surah Al-Fatiha? If not, try to ask a friend or family member to teach you, because we need to know this Surah to pray. Also, if you don't know how to pray, perhaps you could ask an elder sibling or adult in your family to show you how to perform wudu and Salah!

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (See Website): Stage 1 (Years 1 to 2) – refer Salah song; Stage 2-3 (Years 3 to 6) draw the above chart on whiteboard; Stage 3 (years 5 to 6) – refer Allah SWT is talking to you in salah.

****STOP HERE YEAR 1 & 2:** Briefly mention the other 2 Pillars for years 1-2. Example: Zakat is a type of charity Muslims pay for the poor and needy and Hajj is a special place Muslims go to visit special Islamic sites. You can briefly explain about the Kabbah or show a picture. (Use links and worksheets).

☑ **Zakat or charity - the Third Pillar of Islam.** Zakat teaches us to be thankful for what we have and teaches us how good it feels to help others. Zakat helps make the world a more fair and happier place.

So, what is Zakat? Zakat is a type of payment that Muslims must pay if they have above a certain amount (called Nisab) of extra saved-up money/wealth for the whole year. From that extra saved up amount we calculate our Zakat to help people who are poor or in need. Do you know how much of that extra saved up wealth we give as Zakat? Only a tiny bit - just 2.5%! So, if you had an extra \$100 saved up, 2.5% for Zakat would be **only \$2.50!**

| So, who can receive Zakat? | |
|--|--|
| 1. The poor (al-fuqara') | 5. To help free people from slavery. |
| 2. The needy (al-masakeen), meaning someone who is in difficulty | 6. People who need help paying off money they owe others. |
| 3. Those who work or volunteer to give out Zakat (so they can keep doing that work). | 7. To people who are striving to do something to help Islam. |
| 4. New Muslims and friends of the Muslim community. | 8. To people who are stuck away from home or traveling. |

Allah SWT says, "... establish Zakat... Whatever good you put forward for yourselves, you will find its reward with Allah. That will be far better and much greater in reward" (Quran 73:20) and Allah SWT told us, "Spend (in charity) and I will spend on you!" (Sahih Al-Bukhari).

The Arabic meaning of the word Zakat is 'to grow (a plant)', 'to clean,' 'to increase,' 'to make better,' 'blessings' and 'to praise.' So, giving Zakat actually helps to 'clean and protect', 'increase' and better our wealth. We are actually receiving so much more from Allah SWT than what we give - Subhan Allah!

Zakat has many other benefits too. When we give Zakat, we learn to be **humble**, to be **grateful** for what Allah SWT gave us, to be **kind** and to think about and care for others. It helps us connect with our community and helps us create a more fair and happier world.

Zakat al Fitr is another type of Zakat that we should give that helps us perfect our fasting. It is given each year by the end of Ramadan, so that the Zakat can help others to have a happy Eid also. Subhan Allah, Allah SWT is the Most Loving and helps us to look after each other too!

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (See website): Stage 1 (Years 1 to 2) – refer Story Time (Zakat like an apple seed!); Stage 2 (Years 3 to 4) – refer Zakat Quiz; Stage 3 (Years 5 to 6) – refer Charity Challenge.

☑ So far, we've covered Pillar 1 Shahadah, Pillar 2 Salah, Pillar 3 Zakat-next week we'll be talking Pillar 4 Ramadan but first let's learn a bit about the **very last Pillar 5, Hajj!**

So, what is Hajj? Hajj is the pilgrimage (this means a religious journey/trip) to visit Makkah and the Kaabah in Makkah, Saudi Arabia that Muslims must take at least once in their lifetime if they are able.

The Kaabah is a big building, now covered in beautiful black and gold cloth, that was built as place for worshipping Allah SWT. Muslims all around the world pray in the direction of the Kaabah (**the Qiblah**).

Hajj only occurs during the 12th month of the Islamic calendar **called Dhul Hijjah** (like December in the Gregorian calendar).

The Prophet SAW said, "**Whoever performs Hajj for Allah's pleasure...and does not do any bad or sins then he/she will return (after Hajj free from all sins) as if he/she were just born.**" (Bukhari).

Hajj teaches us self-control, patience and to always be mindful of Allah SWT. Hajj is wonderful because it combines many acts of worship! We go to Hajj to show our belief in One God, Allah SWT, and His Messenger SAW (that's the first pillar of Islam; the Shahadah)! We perform Salah/prayers in the special mosque called Masjid al-Haram (where the Kaabah is)! We offer charity at Hajj.

During Hajj, Muslims many Muslims from all around the world come together and perform many acts of worship/rituals. At Hajj, everyone wears the same clothes and looks the same; there's no statuses! It doesn't matter who has money, who is beautiful or popular - everyone looks the same and worships Allah SWT together. Allahu Akbar!

The Prophet SAW told us that the most important part of Hajj though is the **Day of Arafah**. On this day, **ALL** those at Hajj stand together on a special place called **Mount Arafat**, near Makkah and make heartfelt Dua for Allah's SWT forgiveness and mercy.

Let's make Dua that we can all go to Hajj one day too inshaa'Allah and gain all the benefits from completing this last Pillar of Islam!

OPTIONAL AACTIVITIES (See website): Stage 1 (Years 1 to 2) – refer Google search, Stage 2 (Years 3 to 4) – refer Story of Hajj and Stage 3 (Years 5 to 6) – refer Hajj discussion.



LESSONS LEARNT:

- **All 5 Pillars help to connect with Allah SWT!** Together the pillars make up our identity as Muslims; as people who believe in One God, His prophets and the correct way to live in peace and harmony.
- **We can connect directly with Allah SWT through our salah/ prayer.** How blessed Muslims are to have this **direct relationship with Allah SWT**. We can keep this connection strong by praying Salah carefully on time and every day to make Salah become our comfort and enjoyment.
- **Zakat teaches us Islam is a caring and fair religion.** Zakat makes us thankful and thoughtful with our money and protects us from being greedy. Zakat and Sadaqah teach us that everyone can do their part in making **this world a better place!**
- **Hajj, teaches us how everyone is equal in Islam and we are all united with the Shahadah!** Hajj is a time we can wipe out all our past mistakes and ask Allah SWT for a fresh start! We learn reliance, patience and become closer to Allah SWT. We also develop closeness for our Ummah- as we are surrounded by many people from all over the world!!

LESSON 5 – Fasting Ramadan (Sawm Ramadan, Pillar 4)

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| Yrs 1-2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students learn the fourth Pillar of Islam is fasting the month of Ramadan. • Students are introduced to who fasts, when we fast and how we fast. • Students understand some of the benefits of fasting Ramadan. • Students learn some of the good deeds to be doing during Ramadan. |
| Yrs 3-4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students extend understanding of good deeds to be practising in Ramadan, particularly the reciting of Quran, and actions to avoid. |
| Yrs 5-6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students learn about some of the impacts of this Pillar for their lives and for the world. |

STAGE 1 / YEARS 1 & 2

Alhamdulillah, Ramadan is here! **Ramadan Mubarak!** Ramadan is the most important month of the year! It is when we complete the **FOURTH Pillar of Islam!** *Sawn Ramadan* or in English, fasting the month of Ramadan!

What does Sawm/ fasting Ramadan mean?

- ✓ Fasting does not mean to do something very fast! 😊 Fasting in Islam means **not eating or drinking** from **Fajr time** (just before sunrise) **until Maghreb time** (sunset). Fasting Ramadan (Sawm Ramadan) means not eating or drinking between those times, every day, for the whole month of Ramadan!

Fasting for Muslims is more than not having food or water – we also fast from doing bad actions and from following our wants. So, this means there is fasting of the eyes (e.g., don't look at bad things), fasting of the ears (e.g., not listening to back-biting) fasting of the mouth (e.g. not saying rude words) and fasting of the body (e.g. not hitting or kicking others).

Why do we fast Ramadan? What's so special about Ramadan?

We fast Ramadan because Allah SWT tells us to in the Quran. He tells us that fasting Ramadan can help us gain a special love and awareness of Allah SWT in our hearts. When we have this, we want to do the good things that Allah SWT loves and keep away from bad things that He doesn't like. Spending a whole month focusing on Allah SWT can help us make good changes in our behaviour. We learn that we can control our bodies and minds for Allah SWT. It teaches us that we can do lots of hard things! It teaches us to be patient and to control ourselves and to be strong even when something is very hard. These are skills that help us in our life. And Ramadan is a chance to practice this every year!

Allah SWT says “...**fast it is best for you, if only you knew.**” (Quran 2:184). Subhan Allah, there are many reasons why fasting Ramadan is good for us. One reason is because in Ramadan is the best night of the year, **Laylat Al-Qadr (The Night of Decree or Power)**, which is when the Quran was first sent down. Laylat Al-Qadr is so special that Allah SWT said it is better than 1000 months!

Allah SWT says, complete the month of fasting, and “...**perhaps you will be grateful**” (Quran 2:185). This is another benefit of fasting Ramadan – it can help us to be more grateful for the food and water we do have, and for all that Allah SWT has given us, Alhamdulillah. Being grateful makes us more connected to Allah SWT and happier people.

Allah SWT opens the gates of Jannah in Ramadan and fasting is a chance for us to gain heaps of rewards and wipe away all our bad deeds from the previous year. Subhan Allah, there is even special gate of Jannah called **Al Rayyan**, just for those who fast Ramadan!

Ramadan is special also because we do this Pillar of Islam together at the same time with 1.9 billion Muslims all around the world!!! Ramadan brings us all together!

Who should fast? Every Muslim who is old enough and healthy enough and not travelling should fast Ramadan. **Since you are young – you do NOT have to fast**, although you can try practising a bit or start practicing by stopping any bad habits and doing as many good actions as you can! Remember, the Prophet SAW said, “**Whoever does not give up false speech and bad actions, Allah is not in need of him leaving his food and drink (i.e., Allah will not accept his fasting.)**”

What TO DO in Ramadan?

- ✓ **Pray, pray, pray!** Try doing the evening **Taraweeh** prayer for extra rewards!
- ✓ **Recite lots of Quran and learn its meaning** – don't worry if it is hard to start with - you get double the reward for trying!

- ✓ **Lots of charity:** try giving some money or doing a kind act (e.g., helping family with Iftoor, moving rubbish, being friendly at school, listening to the teacher, saying Salam, smiling at relatives).
- ✓ **Dhikr:** repeat **words for remembering Allah SWT** (like “Subhan’ Allah, Alhamdulillah, Bismillah”).
- ✓ **Dua** - ask Allah SWT for help or whatever you want!
- ✓ **Avoid mean words and fighting.** The Prophet SAW taught us that if someone does try to fight with us, then we should just say **“I’m fasting!”** and avoid the fight! Remember, Ramadan is also about helping us improve our behaviour, patience and self-control.

What NOT to do when Fasting the Month of Ramadan?

- × **Don’t overeat at Iftar time!** Remember this is the month of fasting – **not feasting!** Overeating makes us too lazy to do extra good deeds like praying Taraweeh!
- × **Don’t waste time** – Ramadan is a limited time opportunity!

DISCUSSION: *Have you ever tried fasting? What was it like? What good deeds can you do in Ramadan? What is one small, good deed you could practice every day this Ramadan? **Every night in Ramadan Allah SWT picks people for Jannah?! Let’s make Dua now that Allah SWT picks all of us for Jannah!***



LESSONS LEARNT:

- **Ramadan – Time for Hasanat Hunting and rewards galore!** If the person in charge of the Toy store (Kmart/ Big W) told you the doors are open for 3 hours and you can take whatever you like, you just have to go take them, you would immediately run and grab a trolley and start collecting right? Well for the 30 days of Ramadan the doors of Heaven (Jannah) are open, do as much good as you can to grab as many hasanat as you can! Allah SWT not only gives us Ramadan to help us grow in better people, but He made it an extra special time for rewards to help encourage us!

STAGES 2 & 3

YEARS 3 – 6

Ramadan Mubarak everyone! Fasting (Sawm) Ramadan is the 4th Pillar of Islam. Ramadan is the most important month of the year. It is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar and moves a few days earlier each year.

What does fasting Ramadan mean?

Fasting is *NOT* doing something very fast! 😊 Fasting in Islam means **not eating or drinking** from **Fajr time** (just before sunrise) **until Maghreb time** (sunset) when we break our fast or eat our meal called **Iftoor!** Allah SWT told us in the Quran that we need to **fast the month of Ramadan**. Fasting Ramadan (Sawm Ramadan) means not eating or drinking between those times, every day, for the whole month of Ramadan! Muslims wake up early before sunrise to eat **Suhoor**. The Prophet SAW said, *“There is blessing in eating Suhoor so, do not skip it, even if one of you has a sip of water. For indeed Allah and His Angels send blessings and mercy on those who eat Suhoor”* (Ahmad).

Fasting in Islam is more than just not having food or water – we fast from doing bad actions and from following our wants and desires. So, this means there is fasting of the eyes (e.g., so not looking at rude things), fasting of the ears (e.g., not listening back-biting or music) fasting of the mouth (e.g., not saying mean or rude things) and fasting of the body (e.g., not hitting or kicking others).

Who should fast? Every Muslim who is old enough and healthy enough and not travelling should fast.

Why do we fast Ramadan? What is so special about this Pillar of Islam?



We fast Ramadan because Allah SWT tells us to in the Quran: ***"O you who believe, fasting has been prescribed for you... in order that you may gain Taqwa" (2:183).*** **TAQWA** is a special love and awareness of Allah SWT in our hearts. It is when we are always remembering Allah SWT and when we remember Allah SWT often, it's easier to do the good things that He loves and to keep away from bad things. We become more connected to Allah SWT and better people. Spending a whole month like this, focusing on Allah SWT, and controlling ourselves, can help us to make positive changes - it teaches us that, if we can control our bodies and minds for Allah SWT for that long, then we can achieve success in life. Because after you have fasted Ramadan, if you are doing something that is really hard, you can remind yourself that you were able to stop yourself from eating and drinking, so **YOU CAN** do anything you put your mind to Insha'Allah! If you have to do something that's going to take a really long time, you can remind yourself, **you were able fast for a whole long month**, so you can do hard things for a long time too! If you get angry and want to fight someone, you can remind yourself that you practiced not fighting in Ramadan for Allah SWT and you can do it again now too Insha'Allah. Alhamdulillah, Ramadan helps us learn how to be patient, to be strong even when something is hard and to have self-control. These important skills will help us achieve our goals, with Allah SWT's help. Alhamdulillah, Allah SWT gives us time to practice these skills every year in Ramadan.

Allah SWT says ***"...fast it is best for you, if only you knew."*** (Quran 2:184). This is a very special Pillar with countless blessings He tells us complete the month of fasting so that ***"...perhaps you will be grateful"*** (Quran 2:185). So, this Pillar can help us to be more grateful for the food and water we have, and for the blessings that Allah SWT has given us. Being grateful also makes us happier people.

Subhan Allah, in Ramadan, is the best night of the year, **Laylat Al-Qadr** (Night of Decree or Power), which is when the Quran was first sent down. Laylat Al-Qadr is so special that Allah SWT said it is better than 1000 months! (Quran 97:3). The Prophet SAW said, ***"Whoever prays on Laylatul Qadr out of faith and sincerity, will have all their past sins forgiven"*** (Bukhari). The rewards of just fasting Ramadan are huge too - ***"... from one Ramadan to the next is the expiation (wiping away) for (sins committed) in between (as long as you avoid major sins)."*** (Muslim). So, Ramadan is the best time for us to gain heaps of rewards and to wipe away bad deeds and practice good deeds, especially since ***"When Ramadan begins, the gates of Paradise are opened!"*** (Bukhari). Ramadan not only helps us break bad habits but also gives us a fresh new beginning!

Fasting is for Allah SWT alone and has a unique reward. Allah SWT says: ***"All the actions of the children of Adam are for them except for fasting it is for me, and I alone will reward for it."*** (Hadith Qudsi). So, while good deeds can get rewarded 10 to 700 times, Allah SWT left the reward for fasting a secret with Him. We do know the reward of fasting is huge though because there is a gate in Paradise/ Jannah, called **Al-Rayyan**, especially reserved only for those who fast and since the Prophet SAW said ***"... the smell of the breath of a fasting person is more pleasant to Allah than the scent of musk! .."*** (Bukhari).

Fasting Ramadan is special also because we do this Pillar of Islam together at the same time with 1.9 billion Muslims all over the world!! Ramadan brings us all together - we pray Taraweeh together, make Dua together, break our fast together and celebrate the blessings of Ramadan together. So, Ramadan helps us to connect with Allah SWT, the Quran, with prayer, with ourselves, our families and our communities on a global scale Alhamdulillah!

What TO DO in Ramadan?

- ✓ **Pray!** A man asked the Prophet SAW, “What kind of deeds are the **BEST** in the sight of Allah SWT?” Prophet Muhammad SAW replied, “**to pray on time.**” (Bukhari). This is the first thing we need to **get right in Ramadan**. Try doing the evening **Taraweeh** prayer in the Masjid for extra rewards!
- ✓ **Recite lots of Quran and learn its meaning** – Remember, **Ramadan is the month of the Quran** – the month it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad SAW and that rewards are multiplied in Ramadan! We know that we get 10 rewards/ hasnat for every letter we read normally, so can you image how much more each letter would be worth in Ramadan?! Don’t worry if it is a bit hard to start with - you get double the reward for trying! Try finding a buddy, teacher, video or App to help.
- ✓ **Lots of Charity:** You can give money to someone who needs it, do kind acts (e.g., help family with Iftoor, move rubbish, be friendly at school, listen to the teacher, say Salam, smile at a relative).
- ✓ **Dhikr & Dua:** is remembering Allah SWT with beautiful thoughts and words (like “Subhan’ Allah, Alhamdulillah, Bismillah, La illaha illallah, Astaghfirallah ...”). **Make Dua** for whatever you want!
- ✓ **Avoid mean or rude words and fighting.** The Prophet SAW said, “**Fasting is a shield – when one of you is fasting, he should neither behave in a rude/ offensive way or foolishly. If someone fights or is rude to him, he should say ‘I am fasting, I am fasting.’**” (Al-Albani) and so avoid the fight! Remember, the Prophet SAW said, “**Whoever does not give up false speech and bad actions, Allah is not in need of him leaving his food and drink (i.e., Allah will not accept his fasting.)**”
- ✓ Remember, Ramadan is the time to have Taqwa, to improve behaviour, patience and self-control.
- ✓ REMEMBER IF YOU ARE DEHYDRATED, DIZZY, GETTING HEADACHES AND FEELING UNWELL, YOU MAY BREAK YOUR FAST. **Allah SWT does not want you to be unwell!**

What NOT to do when Fasting the Month of Ramadan?

- × **Don’t overeat at Iftar!** Remember this is the month of fasting – **not feasting!** Overeating makes us too lazy to do extra acts of rewards like praying Taraweeh!
- × **Don’t waste time or be insincere** – Ramadan is a limited time opportunity – don’t miss the chance to get the big rewards on offer. Don’t be from those who earn destruction by letting Ramadan pass without asking for forgiveness or those who gain nothing from fasting but hunger.
- × **Don’t use fasting as an excuse** to avoid schoolwork. Muslims around the world do amazing things while fasting and so can you!

DISCUSSION: What is something you want to work on in Ramadan? What do you need to do to achieve this? Who can help you to achieve this? What’s something you can do today?

LESSONS LEARNT:



- **Ramadan – Time for Growth, Hasanat and rewards galore!** Allah SWT gives us Ramadan to help us grow into better people, and He made it an extra special time for rewards to motivate and encourage us! It’s like a Toy store told you the doors are open for 3 hours and you can take whatever you like, you just have to go take them, you would immediately run and grab a trolley and start collecting right? Well for the 30 days of Ramadan the doors of Heaven (Jannah) are open – rush to do as much good as you can to grab as many hasanat as you can before the time is up!
- **Be the BEST YOU** – Ramadan is a time we work hard to **be our best selves**. And it’s a chance to figure out *who you can be*. We spend the Ramadan striving hard, being disciplined, kind, generous, grateful, not fighting and focussed on Allah SWT. It shows us how life is meant to be, who you can be, not just in Ramadan but all your life. We all have our ups and downs in our behaviour and in life, but Ramadan is a yearly reminder to help us always try to be our best self.

LESSON 6: Ramadan, the Month of the Quran

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| Yr 1 - 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are introduced to the Quran and understand that it was revealed in Ramadan. Students understand some benefits of reciting and understanding the Quran |
| Yr 3 - 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students reflect on their connection with the Quran and ways they can enhance this in Ramadan. |
| Yr 5 - 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students understand the importance of the Quran in Ramadan and in their everyday lives. |

*****ALL TEACHERS: Please bring in a Quran to show students if possible!**

STAGE 1 / YEARS 1- 2

What is the Quran? The Quran is a special book of Allah SWT's Words, that Allah SWT sent down with Angel Jibril AS to Prophet Muhammad SAW to help guide us all, over 1400 years ago.

Allah SWT choose to send the Quran down in the beautiful Arabic language. We should try to learn the Quran in Arabic because then you can understand and hear it properly. The Quran is unlike any other book in the world because the Quran is the Words of Allah SWT, and He is not like anything else.

The Quran sounds very beautiful and when we hear it, we should show respect to Allah SWT's Words and listen to it. Allah SWT said: **"...When the Quran is being recited, then listen to it and remain silent so that perhaps mercy may be shown to you"** (Quran 7:204). The Quran:

- ✓ Teaches us about Allah SWT and that He is the one and Only God.
- ✓ Is Allah SWT talking to us and teaching us how to behave, be fair and have excellent manners.
- ✓ Tells us stories of the Prophets/Messengers so we can learn.
- ✓ Calms and protects us. (*E.g., the 3 Quls or Ayat al Kursi help provide protection*). Our hearts love listening to the Quran, and we feel calm and safe when we recite it.
- ✓ Makes our brain strong – Allah SWT asks questions to make us think, the stories help us to learn and memorising verses keeps our brain working well.

The Month of Quran

Ramadan is special because of the Quran. The first verses of the Quran came down many years ago, on a special night in Ramadan, called **Laylat al Qadr**. (*Remember we mentioned this last week!*). Allah SWT said, **"We sent it down on a Blessed Night ..."** (44:3). **"(It is) the month of Ramadan in which the Qur'an was revealed as a guidance for humankind, clear proofs giving guidance, and... (for distinguishing right from wrong)..."** (Quran 2:185).

Did you know, the Angel Jibril AS would visit the Prophet SAW every night in Ramadan and study the Quran with him?! So, we should also recite and study the Quran in Ramadan too, just as the Prophet SAW and Angel Jibril did!

In Ramadan, we try to spend a lot of time listening to, reciting and understanding the Quran because it is one of the best things we can ever do. the Prophet said, **"The best among you are those who learn the Quran and teach it."** (Bukhari). The more you learn about the Quran, the more you will love Allah SWT and the more the Quran will feel like your best friend who helps and guides you. And the more Quran you know, the higher in Jannah you can go! **"It will be said to the companion of the Quran:**

Recite and rise as you recited in the world! Verily, your rank (in Jannah) is determined by the last verse you recite.” (al-Tirmidhī).

And remember, the rewards of reciting Quran are huge, especially in Ramadan! The Prophet SAW said, **“Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allah, he will receive one good deed as ten good deeds like it. I do not say that Alif Lam Mim is one letter, but rather Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter, and Mim is a letter.”** (al-Tirmidhī). And remember, all rewards are multiplied many times in Ramadan! Prophet Muhammad SAW taught us about more rewards for reciting Quran, even for those who find it really hard. He said: **“Verily the one who recites the Qur’an beautifully, smoothly, and precisely, he will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels. And as for the one who recites with difficulty, stammering or stumbling through its verses, then he will have TWICE that reward.”** (Bukhari).

The more you understand the Quran, the better you will feel in your prayer because Quran is part of the prayer. Did you know, for example, the greatest and Opening Surah of the Quran, Surat Al-Fatiha (often known as “Al Humdo”) must be said in our prayer and is actually a beautiful Dua and conversation between us and Allah SWT! **Can anyone read Surat “Al-Fatiha” or Al-Iklas for us today? When you recite Quran, you will get lots of hasnat for reciting and let us get hasant for listening!**

LESSONS LEARNT:

- **The Quran is the most important book you will ever read:** You are young but your brain at your age is very good at learning, and we should try hard to learn it off by heart and understand its meaning, especially in Ramadan when we can get so many hasanat for reading it!! Try asking family, or a friend to read Quran with you or ask someone at home to put you on some Quran to listen to or to download you a Quran App for you.

STAGES 2 & 3

YEARS 3 – 6

What is the Quran? The Quran is a special book of Allah SWT’s Words, that Allah SWT sent down with Angel Jibril AS to Prophet Muhammad SAW to help guide us all, over 1400 years ago.

The Quran is unlike any other book in the world. The word Quran means it is a Book to be recited, not just read. The verses have special way of being said and sound beautiful. When we hear Quran we should show respect to Allah SWT’s Words and listen to it. Allah SWT said: **“...When the Quran is being recited, then listen to it and remain silent so that perhaps mercy may be shown to you”** (Quran 7:204). The Quran is not like any other book because the Quran is the Words of Allah SWT, and Allah SWT is not like anything else. The Quran is a unique miracle that has not changed. There were many people memorising the Quran when the Prophet SAW recited it to them and people who would write it down. The Prophet SAW’s friends collected the Quran into the same book we have today. Allah SWT choose to send the Quran down in the beautiful Arabic language. We should try to learn the Quran in Arabic because then you can understand and hear it properly and appreciate the amazing and beautiful patterns and sounds of the Quran.

The Quran:

- ✓ Teaches us about Allah SWT and that He is the One and Only God.
- ✓ Connects us to Allah SWT since it is Allah’s Words and He is talking to us through the Quran!

- ✓ Guides us to live our life properly, to be fair and have excellent manners. Once Aisha RA, the wife of the Prophet SAW was asked, ***"... tell me about the character of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him."*** Aisha said, ***"Have you not read the Quran?... Verily, the character of the Prophet of Allah was the Quran."*** (Muslim).
- ✓ Tells us stories of the Prophets/Messengers so we can learn.
- ✓ Warns us about what will happen in the future and away from bad things.
- ✓ Calms and protects us. (E.g., the 3 Quls and Ayat al Kursi help provide protection).
- ✓ Makes your brain strong – Allah SWT asks questions to make us think, the stories help us to learn and memorising verses keeps our brain working well. ***"A Book, which We have revealed to you in order that its verses may be pondered upon, so that the people... may be reminded."*** (38:29)

The Month of Quran

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Angel Jibril AS would visit the Prophet SAW every night in Ramadan and study the Quran with him. And so, we should also recite and study the Quran in Ramadan, just as the Prophet SAW and Jibril did. Reciting the Quran can help us be kind and better people. ***"The Messenger of Allah SAW was the most generous person, and he would be at his most generous in Ramadan because Jibril would come to him every night and he would study the Qur'an with him. Truly, when Allah's Messenger SAW would meet Jibril and he would be more generous..."*** (Agreed Upon).

In Ramadan, we try to spend a lot of time listening to, reciting and understanding the Quran because it is one of the best deeds we can ever do. The Prophet said, ***"The best among you are those who learn the Quran and teach it."*** (Bukhari). The more you connect with Allah SWT's Words, the more you feel closer to Allah SWT and the Quran becomes like a friend who comforts you and guides you. And the more Quran you know, the higher in Jannah you can go! ***"It will be said to the companion of the Quran: Recite and rise as you recited in the world! Verily, your rank (in Jannah) is determined by the last verse you recite."*** (Tirmidhi).

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The more you read and understand the Quran, the better you will feel in your prayer because Quran is part of the prayer. Did you know, for example, the greatest and Opening Surah of the Quran, Surat Al-

Fatiha must be said in all our prayers! It is actually a beautiful Dua and a conversation between us and Allah SWT!

DISCUSSION POINTS: *Can anyone read “Al-Fatiha” for us today??? Which adult or friend could you ask to help teach you some Quran? Can you ask someone at home to put you on some Quran to listen to? Who has a Quran App? Who would like to recite some Quran to the class and get lots of hasnat for reciting and give us the chance to get hasant for listening?*

LESSONS LEARNT

- **Quran is a guide for your life:** Allah SWT loves us so much that He would never leave people without giving them a Book to guide them. He gave us the Quran to help teach us about Himself, about kindness, fairness, and how to behave. He tells us about the Prophets (peace be on them all) and their people so that we can learn. We need to hold tightly onto the beautiful gift of Quran from Allah SWT. We need to love reading it more than any other book and love listening to it more than anything else. *Do you?* If not, don't let this Ramadan go without Quran becoming you best friend. And don't forget about your best friend after Ramadan because you need it to get through this life!
- **Make time for Quran:** You can't treat it like any other book. It needs to be an essential part of your every day and when it is, you'll see how your life changes for the better. Make a regular time in your schedule for reciting, learning and understanding Quran.
- **Rewards! Ramadan is about learning, reciting, listening to and understanding as much Quran as you possibly can** and there are heaps of rewards for each and every letter you read, so just keep trying, letter after letter. The Prophet SAW also said: **“Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise!”** (Muslim). Quran is a ticket into Jannah and the highest levels of Jannah too!

*****EXTENTION:** LEARN THE FATIHA AND ALLAH SWT'S RESPONSE –

Allah SWT says: I have divided the prayer into two halves between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks.

*When the servant says: **Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the universe**, Allah the Most High says: My servant has praised Me.*

*And when he (the servant) says: **The Most Compassionate, the Merciful**, Allah the Most High says: My servant has lauded Me.*

*And when he (the servant) says: **Master of the Day of judgement**, He remarks: My servant has glorified Me. and sometimes He would say: My servant entrusted (his affairs) to Me.*

And when he (the worshipper) says: You (alone) we worship and You (alone) we ask help, He (Allah) says: This is between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for.

Then, when he (the worshipper) says: Guide us along the Straight Path. The Path of those You have blessed—not those You are displeased with, or those who are astray, He (Allah) says: This is for My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for.

(Sahih Muslim)

LESSON 7: REVISION (& Ramadan Reminders!)

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| Yrs 1 & 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students review their learning this year. Students prepare for the remaining days of Ramadan. |
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STAGE 1 / YEARS 1 & 2

****RAMADAN REMINDERS!**

Ok, so now nearing the last 10 Days of Ramadan when we are meant to increase our good deeds. Ramadan is like a shop that is always open! There are always so many good deeds that you can grab during Ramadan. Layat-Al-Qadr is coming up!!! We don't know exactly when this special night is, but we do know it is in the last ten days of Ramadan. **What good deeds have you been practising this Ramadan that you could improve on these last 10 days? What are some new good deeds you can practice during these last days of Ramadan?** *Make lots of Dua on Laylat Al Qadr, can smile at people, be kinder to everyone, read Qur'an, watch Islamic videos, help our parents prepare for Iftar, pray Taraweeh etc. Let's make this our best Ramadan yet!*

We've just wrapped up a fun term with lots of learning! Put your hand up if you think that you learnt something in this term. Great. Now, to wrap up, it's time to test your knowledge!

REVISION QUIZ Time! (***Divide class into small groups to discuss the answers together if needed*).

We learnt that the 5 Pillars of Islam are important to become close to Allah SWT. Can anyone tell me what they are? *Shahadah, Salah, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj!* Now, let's get into some trickier questions!

- Which one of the pillars do we have to do once in our lives? *Hajj*
- Which one of the pillars do we do 5 times a day? *Salah*
- What is the name of the pillar where we say I witness that there is only One God and Prophet Muhammad SAW is His Messenger? *Shahadah*
- What is one of the Arabic Names for God? *Allah SWT, Al Khaaliq, Ar Rahman, Al Malik, As Salaam*
- What is Zakat? *money given to the poor/ needy people*
- What is the special journey Muslim go on called? - clue it is the 5th pillar of Islam? *Hajj to Makkah*
- What is special about Ramadan? *Example answers: it is the month of Quran, extra rewards etc.*
- What are the names of the five daily prayers? *Fajr, Duhr, Asr, Maghreb, Isha.*
- What one word do we say to thank Allah SWT for what He has given us? *Alhamdulillah*
- Does every person have to fast or go to Hajj? *No, only those that are healthy and can afford it.*
- What do Muslims walk around in Hajj? *The Kaabah.*
- What is the Qiblah? *Direction of Kabbah to pray.*

BONUS POINTS: *What was one new thing you learnt? What is one thing about Allah SWT that you didn't know before? What do you remember about the last and final Messenger?*

STAGES 2 & 3

YEARS 3 - 6

****FINAL RAMADAN REMINDERS!**

Laylat al Qadr and the last 10 Nights of Ramadan are near! We are not sure which of the last 10 nights is Laylat al Qadr, so we make the most of every night of these last 10 Days. The Earth is filled with angels and blessings and goodness on this special night, so it is important we spend all of the last 10 nights doing as much good deeds like making Dua, praying, reading Quran, giving charity and kind actions as much as we possibly can.

The Prophet SAW also told us that whoever believes in Allah SWT and spends this special night praying and asking Allah SWT for forgiveness, **then all their sins will be forgiven**. Subhan Allah, so these last 10 nights are also the best nights to ask Allah for forgiveness. The Prophet SAW taught us the best Dua to say during the last 10 nights/ Laylat al Qadr is:

Allahumma innaka ‘afuwwun, tuhibbul-‘afwa, fa’fu ‘anni

“O Allah, You, are the Most Forgiving, You, love forgiveness; so, forgive me.” [Al Tirmidhi].

(** Please repeat this slowly in English and Arabic with students).

CHECKLIST FOR RAMADAN

1. **Make sure your five prayers are always on time and good.** The best deed is prayer at its time!
2. Don't let a day in Ramadan pass without listening to or reading **Quran!** Even if it is just one verse.
3. **Practice Dhikr and thanking Allah SWT**, e.g., *Subhan Allah wa bi hamdi, Alhamdulillah, IstaghfirAllah. La hawla wa la quwwata illa Billah (there is no power or strength without Allah).*
4. **Have the right intention and say Bismillah (in the Name of Allah SWT) before all actions-** this helps us get blessings in our actions.
5. Sleep early and wake up for **Suhoor** – this is a pre-dawn meal that has many blessings in it!
6. **Practice detoxing from screens and devices this month** – they often distract us from good actions we should be doing and waste our time and health.
7. Spend time learning more about Prophet Muhammad SAW! Try to do more good deeds doing Sunnah acts. Things like telling people you love them or smiling at them.
8. **PRACTICE the Dua** for breaking the fast every day until you know it.
9. **Help your parents** out by cleaning the house, set the table for Iftar and clean up afterwards too.
10. **Practice your manners** and be kind and helpful whenever you can.
11. **Practice eating healthy and drink water**, wholesome foods like fruit, veggies & reducing junk food. Think about a **Charity Challenge**. What charity can you start doing now?
12. Save time and energy by planning for the rest of Ramadan - **Do not waste the most important, last ten nights. Make intention that this will be this the best Ramadan yet, better than last year!**

CHECKLIST FOR EID

1. **Tidy** your room and help with cleaning the home and decorate it (with balloons etc).
2. Learn and say the **Eid Takbir** and keep repeating often until the Eid prayer.

Morning of Eid

1. Have a **bath/shower before** or on the morning of Eid - clean yourself, **smell nice** and look good!
2. Wear your very **best, nicest clothes** (or your new clothes) for Eid. **Remember, you just need to wear you BEST clothes, not necessarily new clothes!**
3. Don't forget to **pray Salat al-fajr/ morning prayer with an adult**.
4. Eat some **dates** before going to the Eid al-Fitr prayer.

At the time of Eid Prayer

5. Go to **Eid prayers at the park or mosque**. Reminder to **say the Eid Takbir**.
6. **Pray the Eid Prayer**, copying the adults the 2 units/rakat of Eid. Be quiet and listen.
7. **Listen to the Eid talk after the prayer**.
8. After prayer, visit family and friends - **wish them Eid Mubarak!** Make lots of **Dua** for everyone!
9. If you receive gifts or money, **remember your manners** and say "*jazaakum Allahu khairan*". You may like to give a portion of the money/ gifts you receive to charity.
10. **Don't overeat!!!**

REVISION:

Allah SWT is the Most Loving - He gave us the 5 pillars so that we can come close to Him and be loved by Him! The 5 pillars make sure that Allah SWT is always the FOCUS of whatever we do and that we always remember Him! So now we've just wrapped up a fun term with lots of learning! Put your hand up if you think that you learnt something in this term? Great. Now, let's test your knowledge!

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5. Which pillar is mentioned in the Adhan (call to prayer?) *Shahadah*.
6. Which prophet's story is tied to Hajj? *Prophet Ibrahim AS and Prophet Ismail AS*
7. What one word both praises and thanks Allah SWT at the same time? *Alhamdulillah*
8. Which pillar purifies our money? *Zakat*
9. How much is the Zakat? *2.5% of extra money*
10. What are the 2 types of Zakat? *Zakat al Fitr in Ramadan and Zakat al Maal/ Zakat for our wealth*
11. What are the names of the five prayers? *Fajr, Duhr, Asr, Maghreb, Isha*
12. Which country is Makkah in? *Saudi Arabia*
13. What is so special about Ramadan? *Month of Quran, Laylat al Qadr, forgiveness, extra rewards*

BONUS POINTS:

Which lesson stood out to you this term? What was one new thing you learnt?

What is one thing you want to do to help become a better Muslim and gain Allah SWT's love?

ⓘ ***** Please remember to wish students a lovely and safe holiday break and a Blessed Ramadan!**

Ramadan Mubarak Dear Teacher!

Jazakum Allahu Khayrun for all your dedication and hard work. May Allah SWT accept your deeds as a Sadaqah Jariyah and grant you endless rewards. Ameen!