



Knowledge Organiser Year 2 Religious Education

Mecca

Mecca is an important place to **Muslims**. It is where **Muhammad** was born and the direction that **Muslims** face when they pray five times a day. **Muslims** are expected to make a **pilgrimage** to **Mecca** once in their lifetime.



Key Vocabulary

Islam	Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam .
Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
Five Pillars of Islam	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
Prophets	Special messengers sent from Allah .
Muhammad	The last prophet and the key prophet in Islam .

The Six Main Beliefs

1. Belief in **Allah** as the one and only God.
2. Belief in angels.
3. Belief in the holy books.
4. Belief in the **prophets** and that **Muhammad** was the final **prophet**.
5. Belief in the Day of Judgement (the day when **Allah** decides if a person goes to heaven or hell).
6. Belief in predestination (the belief that **Allah** has already planned out what will happen).

The Five Pillars of Islam

As well as the six main beliefs, there are **Five Pillars of Islam**.

Shahadah: **Muslims** say a declaration of faith.

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

Zakat: **Muslims** must donate to charities.

Sawm: **Muslims** fast for one month during a time called **Ramadan**.

Hajj: **Muslims** have to travel to **Mecca** once in their lifetime, if they can afford to.

Place of Worship

The **Muslim** place of worship is called a **mosque**. Services are held in **mosques** every day. The most important service for **Muslims** is on a Friday.

Mosques often have a domed roof. There are no images of people or animals in **mosques**. They are decorated with patterns and words from **the Qur'an**.

Muslims take off their shoes before going into the **mosque** and wash before they pray. **Muslims** pray kneeling on the floor on a prayer mat. The wall of the **mosque** which faces **Mecca** is called the qibla wall. It has an empty arch to show the direction of Mecca.

Key Beliefs

Muslims believe that there is only one God called **Allah**. They believe **Allah** is the only ruler of the universe. The word '**Islam**' means submission and obedience to **Allah**.

Muhammad is so highly respected by **Muslims** that they will say "peace be upon him" after his name is spoken.