

Jigsaw RE Knowledge Organiser

This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry.

The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.

Religion /Worldview: Islam	Enquiry Question: How is the Qur'an vital to Muslims today?	Age range: 9-12	Enquiry 2
In this unit, we will look at the Qur'an, holy book for Muslims – Muslims believe it is the word of Allah (God)			

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)	Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance	
<p>The Qur'an is the holy book for Muslims, but it is also believed to be the actual words of Allah spoken in Arabic, the language chosen by Allah. It is treated with great respect and many Muslims will learn Arabic specially to understand the Qur'an in the language it was written in. Many Muslims take lessons in how to speak Arabic, including schoolchildren. These classes are often carried out in the Mosque, the Muslim place of worship.</p> <p>The Qur'an is respected in many ways including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Being put on a stand when used, so it is not over touched. o When not used it is wrapped in a clean cloth o When not being read it should be the highest book in the room o Never being placed on the floor o Hands being washed before it is touched. o You must be in the right frame of mind – concentrate on Allah <p>Muslims believe the Qur'an gives information on how to live life the way Allah would want. This is important to Muslims as Allah is watching them, life on earth is a test and challenges occur. The way you handle these will be observed by Allah.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hadith – this is a collection of words and stories about Muhammad as a man – it gives advice on daily life – it is not as important as the Qur'an as it is not the word of Allah. • Calligraphy – beautiful writing – often parts of the Qur'an are decorated to show how special it is. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do I have a special book or story? • Why are books and stories special to people? • If a book is special, how should it be treated? • Why is it important for non-Muslims to show respect to the Qur'an? 	
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
<p>Allah – Muslim name for God</p> <p>Qur'an – The Holy book for Muslims</p> <p>Muhammad – Prophet chosen by Allah to receive the Qur'an</p> <p>Night of Power – The name given to the time the first part of the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad</p> <p>Surah – chapter in the Qur'an</p> <p>Kursi -A stand to put the Qur'an on</p>	<p>Islam began in Makkah in Saudi Arabia nearly 1500 years ago. The faith spread around the world and is now growing rapidly. It is a worldview which expects followers to develop self-control and show total respect to Allah. The Qur'an was written down in Arabic and has not changed since – it is a vital connection to Allah</p>	<p>The Qur'an is more than just a special book to Muslims – it is the direct word of Allah. It contains advice, instructions and guidance on how Muslims should lead their lives. Reading and respecting the Qur'an will probably play a part in everyday life.</p>	<p>This links to previous enquiries which show how important Allah is to Muslims. The Qur'an is the word of Allah to Muslims so it links to previous enquiries on Muhammad which explain how the Qur'an came into existence.</p>
<p>Home learning ideas/questions: Do we have any special books in the family? How do we treat them? what can we learn from special books? What is each person's favourite story? Why?</p>			