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## Reception



Last week Reception started the term looking at Islam. We started by thinking and talking about all the things that are precious to us and how we keep them safe. We looked at a couple examples of prayer mats and how they are decorated with different shapes and spoke about how prayer mats are precious to people. We talked about how we say our prayers and how this is different to people who use prayer mats. Reception then went on to create a picture of a prayer mat creating some lovely designs full of different shapes and colours. Great work as usual Reception.



## YEAR ONE

This week in RE, Year 1 have learnt all about Muhammad and the different acts he did to show kindness towards all living creatures. We acted out the story of the Child and the Dates in small groups and discussed how everything we do affects people around us, like the young boy who threw stones at trees. We also wrote



	<p>a fact file on the importance of looking after the animals and what they need to be happy and healthy.</p>
	<p>In Year 2, we are learning about praying at home. The children enjoyed learning about the different times of the day that Muslims pray and how they prepare for prayer. We wrote the times on a clock.</p> <p>We also learned about daily life and how we can show people of different religions respect.</p> <p>Children are very important in the Muslim religion and we are learning how babies are welcomed into their new life. The children are then to prepare a booklet on how to welcome a baby into the family.</p>
	<p>In Year 3 we have been learning all about the Mosque for our Faith Week on Islam. The children enjoyed learning what a Mosque looks like from the outside, the different sections and the variety in architecture. We went on to draw a Mosque and labelled the image. Then we watched a video about a young boy going to Mosque. Here we learnt that Muslims wash before entering, the different halls, prayer mats and the inside of Mosque. The children wrote about what they had found out. They were amazed how many similarities Islam has with Christianity.</p>
	<p>Year 4 have been learning all about 'Holy Books' in our Islam Faith Week. We have learnt how important the Qur'an is to Muslims and how carefully they hold it. Muslims read the book from right to left and they learn the important messages off by heart. Allah is God and is also known by 99 other beautiful names. The children were inspired by the words of the Qur'an and wrote their own messages.</p>

# Year 5

In our Islam topic this week, Year 5 have been learning about special times in Muslim's life, with a focus on Ramadan and Hajj (the journey to Mecca). We have looked at the special clothes worn for Hajj as well as the journey taken to complete this; we have compared Hajj to our life journey. We have also studied Shahadah and how someone needs to be able to recite this three times in order to become a Muslim. A very interesting topic for us all - well done Year 5!

# Year 6

Year 6 studied the Five Pillars Of Islam and were able to talk about each in detail. We used the iPad to research each in depth and learnt about Allah's Care for Creation. We talked about charity and how we often give to people in need. We were able to answer lots of questions and we even wrote our own questions about Islam which one of our class kindly answered! Well done Akeel!

