

## Essential Core (Summary of unit)

- I will understand that the practices of Zakat (giving) and Sawm (fasting during Ramadan) illustrate the concept of Khalifah.
- I will know that the Shari'a is taken from the Qur'an.
- I will understand that the Qur'an is the original and most basic source of God's Law, but Hadith provide Muslims with the practical interpretations of how to apply the Qur'an to everyday life..
- I will know that humans have the role of Khalifah, trustees of Allah's creation. All things belong to Allah. Muslims have always studied nature for signs and wonders of Allah .
- I will know the story of Bilal and understand why this story is important to Muslims.

### What should I already Know?

- Islam means 'The submission to Allah'.
- God's message is known as the 'Straight Path' or the Shariah.
- Muslims believe that the angel Gabriel was 'sent down' with God's holy book – the Mother of the Book. This was the book that was shown to Muhammad. So the Qur'an is a copy of God's holy book.
- The Qur'an is treated with great respect by Muslims, including that it is often kept in a stand, kept above all other books, is sometimes wrapped in a cloth, a Muslim will wash their hands before touching the book.
- There are 5 pillars of Islam: Shahada (profession of faith), Salat (prayer), Zakat (giving), Sawm (fasting), Hajj (Pilgrimage).

### Important Facts

- **Zakat**(giving) is a duty (something you must do) not charity (something you might chose to do); it should be done anonymously, receiving no praise.
- **Sawm** (fasting during **Ramadan**) is an act of learning to appreciate all that God has provided.
- Muslims believe Muhammad received instructions from Gabriel and so these are as valid as those in the Qur'an.
- Paid at the end of Ramadan anonymously, Muslims pay a minimum of 2.5% of their wealth to the poor and the community. It is not a charity, it is an alms tax. It is a duty to pay it. Muslims also have charity, but this is on top of Zakat.
- Muslims do not worship Muhammed.
- The Hadith: The two brothers.
- Bilal is a black African slave; refuses to obey his master to attack one of Muhammad's followers who claimed that all people are equal; while imprisoned, waiting to be punished, he became a Muslim; close to death he was sold to Abu Bakr one of Muhammad's closest companions; Bilal was freed; Bilal became the first Muezzin (gave the first call to prayer at the first mosque in Medina and then at the Ka'aba).
- This story emphasises that people should be judged not by their position in society or race, but on their commitment to obey Allah's commands.

## Vocabulary

WORD	Meaning	Image
<b>Sawm</b>	One of the 5 pillars where Muslims will fast during Ramadan.	
<b>Ramadan</b>	A time when Muslims fast during the daylight.	
<b>Zakat</b>	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> of the 5 pillars in which Muslims most donate a percentage of their money.	
<b>Qu'ran</b>	The Holy book in which Allah's commandments are written.	
<b>Hadith</b>	A collection of sayings and books from the prophet Muhammed.	
<b>Allah</b>	The creator.	