

# Year 3 RE Knowledge Organiser: Islamic Rites of Passage

Mecca



## What? - Key Vocabulary

Adhan	The prayer whispered by a father into his baby's right ear.
Tasmiyah	The naming ceremony for Muslims.
Mahr	A payment that a Muslim man offers to his future wife.
Nikah	A spoken contract between the couple in front of witnesses.
Walima	A celebration feast for the couple, their family and friends.
Salatul Janazah	The special prayer said in the mosque at the start of a funeral.
Pilgrimage	A special religious journey that a person takes to show their faith.
Ritual	A series of actions used in a religious ceremony.

## Islam is built on 5 pillars:

1. **Shahada** - Allah is the only God
2. **Salat** - Praying five times a day
3. **Zakat** - Giving money to the poor
4. **Sawm** - Fasting for Ramadan
5. **Hajj** - Pilgrimage to Mecca

## What? - Core Knowledge

Islam is one of the major worldwide religions. People who follow Islam are called Muslims.

When a Muslim baby is born it's father will whisper a prayer into it's right ear. The Tasmiyah naming ceremony lasts for seven days. It shows that the new baby is accepted and protected by Allah.

A Muslim marriage celebration has several parts: the Mahr, the Nikah and the Walima.

When a Muslim dies the family wash their body using a special washing technique. The body is covered with white cloths and special ropes. The family go to the mosque and say a special prayer before the body is buried.

Muslims believe that life is a test.

The Hajj is an Islamic pilgrimage and is one of the five pillars. Muslims journey to Mecca in Saudi Arabia and carry out special rituals. The Hajj is a time for Muslims to focus on themselves and to become more in touch with who they are.