

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 3 - Mosque;
Community; Ummah**

Year 5

**Does the community of the
Mosque help Muslims live
better lives?**

Knowledge

The architecture of the mosque reveals many key Muslim beliefs: there are no pictures, but the decorations are mostly based on Islamic calligraphy because of the rule forbidding the making of images of people and living creatures.

Men and women are usually kept separate in the mosque.

During Islamic festivals mosques are the focus for special morning prayers.

Many mosques also contain Islamic schools, where children and adults learn more about Islam.

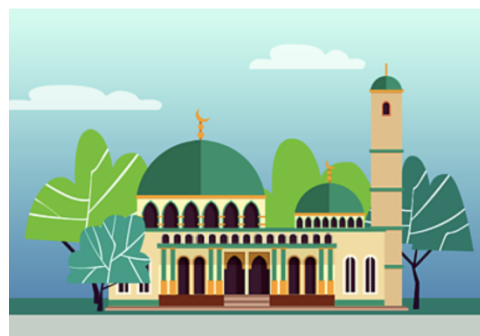
The mosque is also the focus on Fridays for the 5 daily prayers.

Vocabulary

- **5 Pillars** – the 5 things that a Muslim must do so they can live a good and responsible life
- **Imam** – Muslim religious leader who plays the role of teacher, advisor, and a judge in minor disputes
- **Islam** – religion that means submission to the will of Allah
- **Mosque** – Muslim place of worship
- **Muslim** – followers of Islam
- **Ummah** – universal Muslim community
- **Wudu** – essential ritual washing before prayer

Activities

- Explore the concept of community using a mind map – what would an ideal community look like?
- Visit a Mosque to see the life of the community in action.
- Explore the call to prayer and the main Friday teaching.
- Look at the division between men and women in the lives of some Mosques.
- Explore the way that Muslims face when they pray, the fact that they pray five times a day and the Five Pillars of Islam.
- Explore the architecture of the Mosque and what this communicates to Muslims about Allah and their beliefs.
- Watch worship in the Mosque, and suggest how this might help Muslims to live good lives.
- Write an advert or a leaflet about the life in the Mosque showing all the community features.



Skills

- Describe three things that Muslims believe and how these beliefs are shown in the Mosque
- Make a link between the Mosque and the way that Muslims behave towards each other
- List four ways in which Muslims show respect for the Mosque and the community
- Design an ideal community, making links to Islamic teaching