

An enquiry-approach to visiting places of worship



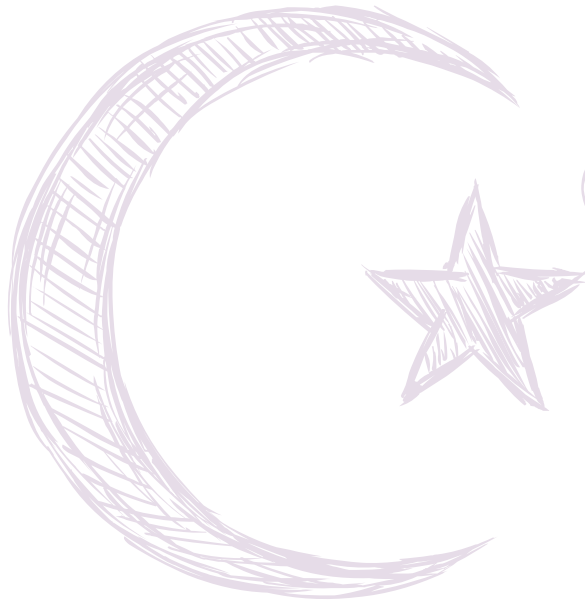
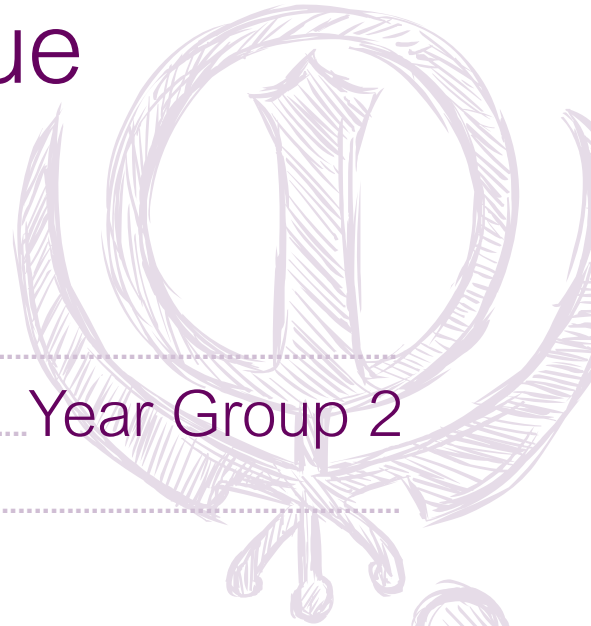
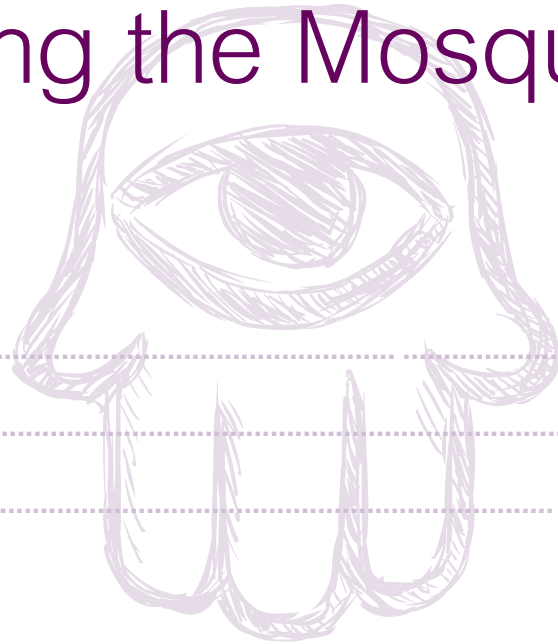
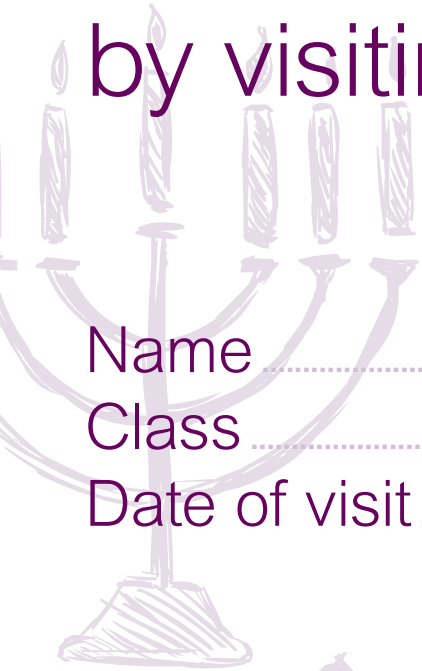
My enquiry into religion by visiting the Mosque

Name

Class

Date of visit

Year Group 2



How do you know what Muslims believe about prayer
by what you encounter in this place of worship?

What do I know about Muslims beliefs about prayer
already?

Many Muslims pray to God five times a day and they often
go to a Mosque to pray and see their friends and for the special
school.



6 encounters

In each box put a picture of one encounter e.g. a piece of furniture, a symbol, a person, a piece of music and in the 'Clues' box write what this encounter might tell you about the beliefs behind it.

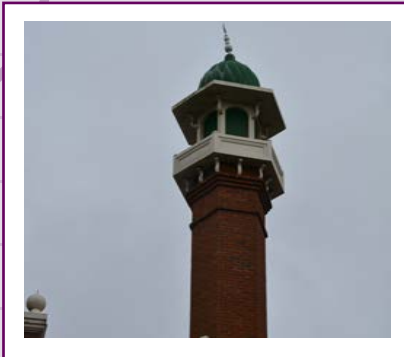
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Clock - This clock helps Muslims remember when to pray.



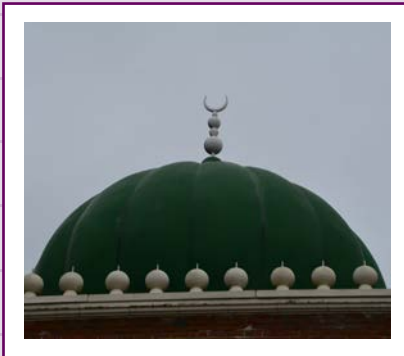
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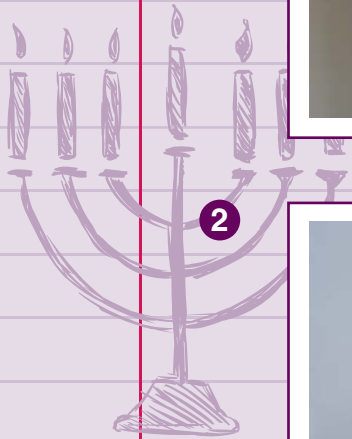
Minaret - This is a special tower and the man goes in there to call out to Muslims when it is time to pray. There are loud speakers.



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Dome - This is the roof of the Mosque. It looks like the sky. I like the golden ones as they shine in the sun.



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Washroom - In this room Muslims wash before they pray so they are nice and clean when they talk to Allah and show him respect. (Wudu)



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Prayer room - Muslims pray in this room - there are no chairs as they all pray on the floor. They kneel up and bow down and say special prayers. The men and women pray in different rooms, I think.



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Mihrab - This is a special section of the wall that points to the big black box in the special Mosque that Muslims face when they pray, kind of like a compass.



My encounters so far lead me to deduce that Muslims believe that praying is really important. It helps them talk to God and show they love him.

What questions do I need to ask to find out more about what
Muslims believe?

(Can I talk with a member of this religion to hear their answers?)

My questions

Answers (more clues)

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1. Do you have to go to a Mosque to pray?

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2. Why do you pray such a lot?

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3. Does something horrible happen to you if you don't pray all those times every day?

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4. What happens if it is prayer time during football practice?

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5. What sort of things do you say when you pray?

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6. How do you remember when to pray? What if you forget?

7. Do children have to pray as well?

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praying is very important.

This page shows what I have found out from my encounters in this place of worship about the beliefs of the people who visit this place of worship.

Muslims go to a Mosque if they can to pray to Allah. The Mosque has lots of ways to help them remember when and where to pray. Before they pray they wash themselves to make sure they are clean and ready. There is a clock to help them remember when to pray. I think I would need help remembering to pray 5 times a day. Muslims need to face the black box in a special mosque a long way away when they pray so there is a wall like a compass in the mosque. They also all pray on the floor.



This visit has been interesting to me because

I have learned that Muslims pray facing a special way and have special positions when they pray. I think this shows that they respect Allah very much and talk to him often to say thank you for what he has done. It looks like hard work, remembering and also all those movements and words to remember, not even in English.