

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Next week in school, all children from Nursery through to Year 6 will have the opportunity to learn about Islam, how Muslims live as a family and how they worship. Each year group has a particular focus and theme. These promote an understanding and appreciation of a way of life, as well as faith practice.

We are delighted to share with you our plans for teaching about Islam. All Catholic schools are required to teach about other world faiths and religions from the beginning of primary until the end of secondary school. This is something we regard as key to preparing our children to embrace diversity and appreciate other faiths and cultures.

All of the children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of interesting and engaging tasks. These are planned with the utmost care and thought to ensure enjoyment of learning experiences and to develop the children's knowledge of and respect for another faith.

From our experience, we know that our children thoroughly enjoy this aspect of our Religious Education Curriculum, whilst at the same time, acquiring valuable skills and understanding. We hope you enjoy learning from them too!

We warmly welcome our Muslim families to share their faith with us – please speak to your child's class teacher.

If you would like any further information regarding our Religious Education Curriculum, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with myself or your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards and thank you for your support,

Miss Finley

Religious Education Coordinator

## What will your child learn during Judaism week?

Muslims are followers of the religion of Islam, which began in Saudi Arabia around the seventh century. They believe in one God, Allah. There are two main groups of Muslims; Shi'ah and Sunni. The Sunnis are the larger group. Their beliefs are similar but they differ on the forms of leadership. What the children learn in this programme of study is a middle way, offering what is most general in Islam.

### **Nursery and Reception**

#### **Special Days/Ritual Objects: Prayer Mats**

The children will learn that Muslims cherish special objects in their religion, such as prayer mats and the Qur'an.



### **Year 1**

#### **Stories: Muhammad**

The children will hear special stories about Muhammad – the final prophet of Islam.

### **Year 2**

#### **Prayer/Home: Prayer at Home**

The children will learn and respect that prayer and quiet times are very important; Muslims pray five times a day.

