

## Religion

To start we learnt about how monotheistic religions began with Judaism, then Christianity and then finally Islam. We spoke about how they all followed on from each other, sharing many similarities.

Then the children were taught all about the life of Muhammad and how he was shown the Qu'ran by a visit from the Angel Gabrielle. After that we discussed how the religion grew and became a major religion – the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest in the world today!



## **FUN FACT!**

The Ka'ba in Mecca actually contains very little and no-one ever goes inside it, despite millions visiting it annually!



## Cultural Day



Following the end of Ramadan and the subsequent celebration, Eid-al-Fitr, our cultural day this half term was based on Ramadan. We looked at the creation of the Islamic religion, the main beliefs, how Ramadan is celebrated and then we enjoyed making some Islamic inspired plants pots and eating the food of the region. The children enjoyed a range of learning and creative activities and a wonderful morning was had by all!

## Cultural Traditions



The children learnt a variety of facts about how Muslims observe the celebration of Ramadan

## Quotes:

"Islamic art is full of nature and colour"

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"Islamic music is calming but weird"

HD

"We're having fun learning about all the food!" BS2

## Cultural Art

The children watched a presentation of the different forms of Islamic art and calligraphy. Islamic art falls into two main categories: geometric (repeating mathematical shapes) and vegetal (based of foliage and flowers). The patterns are bright and colourful. The children were given their names transcribed into Arabic and after practising writing them, drew these onto plant pots, which they later planted a sunflower seed in.

Below is some of the beautiful calligraphy that the children produced:



## Cultural Cuisine

The children learnt about the role that fasting plays in the lives of muslims during the thirty days of Ramadan. They learnt about when fasting is observed and the different foods that people eat at the beginning and end of the day.

They then got a chance to try hummus with carrots, cucumber and pitta, dates and rice pudding, which proved a hit for all!



## Cultural Music

During the music lesson, the children found out about the relationship between Muslims and music during the month of Ramadan. They learnt that Muslims will try to avoid music during this month as it is seen as a distraction, they should be focused on their religion, being a good person and worshipping Allah. We now know that the month of Ramadan is not just about fasting!

