What does it mean to be Muslim

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Topic	No of lessons	Key knowledge and skills	Resources	Progression and links	Pillar (KS3 only)	SEND/ More able	Assessment & recording; factual recall checks
Sunni & Shi'a Islam	1	 Timeline of how Islam began. The two main denominations in Islam – Sunni & Shi'a. There similarities and differences. Six Articles of Faith Five Roots 	PPT	British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs. Tackling Islamophobia through education.	Problem Solving: Students need to compare contrasting beliefs.	Challenge: Detailed information on Five Roots and Six Articles for HPA. Scaffold: Key Words List Timeline with sentence starters already imputed.	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.
God/Allah	1	 Knowledge hunt/investigation into Muslim beliefs about God. Similarities and differences between the Islamic and Christian God. Extended writing task comparing the two. 	PPT Video	British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs. Tackling Islamophobia through education.	Problem Solving: Independent knowledge hunt task. Writing: Extended writing comparing Gods.	Challenge: Arabic terminology used. Scaffold: Key Words List Sentence stems for extended writing.	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.
Mosques	1	 General features of a Mosque (Mihrab, mussallah, muezzin) Exploration into Cambridge Central Mosque 	PPT Video	British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs.	Writing/Creativity: Writing an article about the	Challenge: • High Order questioning about the	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.

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Fasting	1	 What happens at a Mosque? What Holy book do they read from? Explore the term sawm. Investigate Laylat al-Qadr (the Night of the Decree) Explore Eid-Ul-Fitr (The Festival of the Breaking of the Fast) 	PPT	Tackling Islamophobia through education. Knowledge of local community & multiculturalism. British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs. Tackling Islamophobia through education. Knowledge of local community/multiculturalism.	Creativity: Creating a poster inviting people to join the celebrations of Eid.	importance of Holy Buildings. Extension questions such as why is the Qu'ran an important aspect in worship and prayer? Scaffold: Dual Coding Pre-printed worksheets (plan of mosque and also article) Challenge: High Order questioning about the difficulties of Ramadan. Developing personal worldview. Scaffold: Pre-printed PPT slides.	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.
Pilgrimage	1	 Mecca, Saudi Arabia The Kaaba Significance of Hajj, link to the 5 Pillars of Islam 	PPT Videos	British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs.	Oracy: Justifying points in discussion about	•	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.

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				Tackling Islamophobia through education.	the importance of Hajj for Muslims. Writing: Extended writing on 'Hajj is the most important pillar' Discuss.	difficulties of Hajj may be Scaffold: Worksheet Sentence stems for extended writing.		
Holy Dress		 Different types of Holy Dress Niqab, Burqa etc What does the Qu'ran say about Holy Dress? Personal experiences of British Muslims wearing Holy Dress. 	PPT Guided Reading Worksheet	British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs. Tackling Islamophobia through education.	Reading: Guided reading task on excerpts from 'It's not about the Burqa'	Challenge: • HPA to read paragraphs to the class. Scaffold: •	•	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.
Revision & Assessment		 What are the similarities and differences between Sunni and Shi'a Muslims? What are the 5 Pillars of Islam? What is Ramadan and why is it important? 'Hajj is the most important pillar' Discuss. 	Assessment Criteria	British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs. Tackling Islamophobia through education.	Writing: Extended writing answering 4 questions.	Challenge: Use of explanation and evaluation. Scaffold: Sentence starters	•	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.
CTG	1	 Improving assessments based upon individual feedback. 	Assessment Criteria	British Values surrounding respect for different beliefs. Tackling Islamophobia through education.	Writing: Closing the Gap		•	3 questions to start – recall activity every lesson.