

Islam Workshop
Deep Teaching : Text

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Deep Teaching Islam: Where to start?

Agreed Syllabus

- Know what is taught as KS 2-4 : Suffolk Agreed Syllabus document : 2013
- Know what should be evaluated/ assessed at each Key Stage : RE Non-statutory Curriculum Guidance document 2006
- http://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/do_download.asp?did=6878
- http://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/do_download.asp?did=8234

Exam Board

- Know what your exam board is expecting in terms of depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs, teachings & practices: NATRE site has a summary of Examination Board content.
- Know what you are already covering at KS3 in your Scheme of Work

Developing a plan

- Explore the new resources coming out for KS2 to help boost knowledge and understanding: adopt as a booster where necessary in the interim at KS3 e.g. helen.matter@cofesuffolk.org see the assessment of progress and achievement in RE against the Suffolk RE Syllabus documents to help with your planning. Build textual criticism into your scheme of work.
- Plan to bridge the gap between KS2 and KS4. Build good habits early. (Teachers Working party?)

The Sunnah and belief about Allah: Beliefs, Teachings & practices from Islam : Living the religious life

The second most important source of authority for Muslims is the Sunnah. This refers to the practices, customs and traditions of the [Prophet Muhammad](#) that are considered to be a perfect example. They are found in [Hadith](#) and other texts.

Different groups of Muslims accept different collections of Hadith as **reliable sources of authority**. When reading the Hadith, Muslims can experience the way Muhammad explained and illustrated the teaching in the [Qur'an](#) including the teaching about Allah. For example, the following Hadith might help a Muslim better understand the idea that **Allah is all-forgiving**:

- Allah the Almighty has said: 'O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me, and hope in Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds in the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I shall forgive you. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with an earthful of sins and were you then to face Me, without having associated anything with Me, I shall grant you an earthful of pardon.'
- ***Recorded by Al-Tirmidhi (An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith -42)***

- What does this quote teach about forgiveness?

- **Ask a believer** what they believe about forgiveness: email/ text/ tweet/ social media question

Prophethood: Muslims believe in a long line of prophets: Beliefs, Teachings & practices from Islam : Living the religious life

The Qur'an states that God sent a prophet to every people and each one was sent with the same message: of submission and accountability to the one God, creating a chain of messages from God. Each of the prophets was a man like other men with the same human needs and feelings. Islam emphatically denies any suggestion that God's messengers were divine or super-human. The prophets were all characterised by their total submission to God and their nearness to him, their pure and upright natures, the righteousness of their conduct and their commitment to the mission with which they were entrusted.

- Say, O Muslims, "We believe in God and in what is revealed to us, and in what was revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and the Tribes of Israel, and in what was given to Moses and Jesus, and in what was given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between them (in believing them all to be God's messengers), and to Him do we submit ourselves." (Surah 2:136, also 3: 84-85)

Muhammad 'Seal' of the prophets

- Muhammad, an Arab descended from Abraham (Ibrahim), was called to be the final prophet. He is known as the 'seal of the prophets'; he delivered God's message in a form appropriate for all people for all time. Muslims believe this message has come down to them in the Qur'an as the actual words of God, never changed or distorted as previous messages had been.
- 'Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you and have chosen Islam as your way of life' Sura 5:3

- What have you discovered about Muhammad?
- What does the quote teach about Islam?

- **Ask a believer** what they believe about Prophethood and Muhammad: email/ text/ tweet/ social media question
- How might this belief impact on a Muslim's every day life? or Inform their treatment of people from different religions?

Thematic Heading/ Notes

- Quote

- What does this quote teach?

- **Ask a believer** what they believe: email/ text/ tweet/ social media question