

Celebration of Muslim Festivals of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha in the Foundation Stage

Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated at the end of Ramadan (month of Fasting)

Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated after Hajj (Pilgrimage to Mecca)

- Begin by talking about special days for children
Birthdays, Christmas, Halloween etc. Name some of the world religions.
- Religions have rules for people to follow them
Link with school rules. They help to keep order. Everyone knows what is expected of them and how to carry out duties/jobs.
- Special places for people, Mosques, Temples and Churches.
What is special for you? A house, bedroom or a comfy chair?
- Look at Religious buildings. What is the same between a Mosque and a Church?
What is different?
Lots of people visiting, silence, singing, friendship, listening to others, seating, flooring etc. Shape of door, roof, dome/spire. Patterns on floor/ceiling, pillars, mosaic etc.
- Design a tile with an Islamic pattern using geometrical shapes
No figures represented in Mosques as on stained glass windows in Church.
- How do you greet your friends?
Learn Muslim greetings and in other languages too.
- Special Clothes
Look at Muslim outfits for girls and boys, head covers and long skirts.
- Food for festivals
What is a celebration meal? What do people eat at Eid?
- Explore/taste different types of fruits, vegetables and sweets.
- Visit local Asian super markets.
- Use bangles and bracelets
For sorting and counting activities. Display numbers in other languages. Learn number rhymes.
- Make Eid Greeting cards
By using flowers, palm trees, Mosque silhouettes, camels, desert scenes, stars and crescent shapes to decorate. Sequins and glitter may also be used.
- Dress up in clothes from other cultures.
Look at shiny and silky fabrics, make clothes for dolls or make paper dolls.
- Make henna paste and decorate hands
You may need parental consent as the stain marks the skin for a few days before it washes out), cut out hand shapes and make mehndi patterns on them.
- Look at prayer mats.
Make your own mats on A4 card, use 2D shapes or stickers to make patterns all around. Collect chocolate wrappers or milk bottle tops for decoration.