

Year 3 Knowledge Organiser spring 2 Festivals: Ramadan / Easter / Passover

Ramadan (Islam)	Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. During the month of Ramadan, the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims try to give up their bad habits and become better Muslims by praying more or reading the Qur'an.
Qur'an (Islam)	The sacred book of Islam.
Allah (Islam)	The Arabic word referring to the God of Islam.
Prophet Muhammad (Islam)	The founder of Islam.
Sawm (Islam)	The duty to fast during the month of Ramadan. To stop eating and drinking (including water) during daylight hours. One of the five pillars of Islam.
Suhoor (Islam)	The meal before sunrise.
Iftar (Islam)	The meal after sunset.
Zakat (Islam)	The duty to give to charity to the poor, usually money. One of the five pillars of Islam.
Moses (Judaism)	A Prophet from the Old Testament who led the Jews out of Egypt.
Pharaoh (Judaism)	A political and religious leader in Ancient Egypt.
Passover (Judaism)	A major Jewish holiday, one of the most widely celebrated. It commemorates the Israelites' departure from Ancient Egypt.
Pesach (Judaism)	Passover in Hebrew. Hebrew is spoken by many Jewish people.
Seder (Judaism)	The ritual feast that marks the beginning of Passover.
Easter (Christianity)	The celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Holy Week (Christianity)	The events of the seven days before Easter Sunday.
Joy	A happy, lively emotion.
Despair	An emotion. A complete loss of hope.
Hope	Being optimistic and feeling that good things will happen.
Symbol	Something that represents something else.



After the sun sets at the end of each day, most Muslims break their fast with water and dates.

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



The Passover Seder is a ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover.