

We aim to be with you no later than 08:00hrs. Upon arrival we would like to have five minutes to brief the staff involved in the morning workshops and to check the resources provided by the school.

### Resources to be provided by the school

#### Assembly:-

- OHP
- Screen
- Cassette/CD player

#### Muslim Workshops 1 and 2 (3 and 4 optional).

##### For each workshop you will need:-

- 2 pieces of A4 card (any colour) per child plus 10 extra sheets.
- 1 sheet of A3 and A4 paper (any colour) per child.
- 250 paper fasteners (split pins) for clock making.
- 1 packet of putty-type adhesive.
- 35+ thin felt tip pens.
- 12 pairs of scissors.
- 12 rulers.
- A selection of liquid paints in bright contrasting colours.
- 8 square flat palettes without wells.
- 8 large school paint brushes and 1 washing up brush.
- Paint dryers.
- 12 painting aprons.
- At least 3 adults (1 must be a teacher). More TA's or parent helpers are a welcome addition as their assistance will enhance the children's experience.

#### Tie and Dye Workshops 1 and 2.

##### For each workshop you will need:-

- 1 piece of cotton fabric (approx 30cm x 30cm) per child. Old bed sheets and pillow cases are ideal. Polyester or similar man made fabrics do not work as well.
- Protective sheeting for the tables (not newspaper).
- 1 large, mixed, box of elastic bands.
- 12 protective aprons.
- 1 box of disposable gloves (child size). NB please check for allergic reactions.
- 1 washing line and pegs.
- 1 bag of table salt.
- 1 set of five Dylon cold water dyes. (30 g tubs).
- 1 tin of Dylon cold water dye fix. (500 g tin). This is enough for BOTH workshops with plenty left over.
- 3 adults. (1 must be a teacher). Using the same TA's/parent helpers in both workshops helps enormously with the smooth running and success of the afternoon.

We can provide the dye and the fix at a cost of £15. If you would like us to do so, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE. The cost of a Muslim Day is £395 excluding VAT. Expenses, where applicable, are charged at cost and agreed in advance. W02



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## Muslim Day

This full day workshop enables the children in **Key Stage 2** to develop an understanding of Muslim communities in Britain and around the world. It helps to redress the negative images of Islam that are often portrayed in the media. It balances serious content with the fascinating Muslim crafts of block printing and tie and dye.

Our Muslim Day will support the teachers in making this area of the R.E. Curriculum relevant and exciting to today's children.



### 09:05 - 09:50 'A Visit to a Mosque' Assembly - Whole School

This assembly will transport your whole school to a mosque and in doing so will offer the children a positive view of the fascinating culture and faith of Islam.

The assembly will open with sacred music and the call to prayer. The children will see photographs on the OHP of the architectural features of the inside and the outside of a mosque. We will demonstrate the ritual washing followed by the eight movements of prayer. The session will end with a teacher and a group of children dressing up in appropriate Muslim clothing.

**10:00 - 11:00 Muslim Workshop 1** (Up to 35 Key Stage 2 children)

**11:00 - 12:00 Muslim Workshop 2** (Up to 35 Key Stage 2 children)

The two morning workshops each consist of three activities that develop the themes that are introduced during the assembly.

#### Activity 1

Every child:

- Wears either a Muslim skull cap (boys) or headdress (girls);
- Acts out the process of ritual washing;
- Uses a qiblah compass to find the direction of Makkah from their class room;
- Is taught the actions used during prayer.

#### Activity 2

Block printing (paint on paper) a popular Muslim craft in India today.

#### Activity 3

Each child will be given artefacts that enable them to design their own Islamic clock, wall hanging, prayer mat or Makkah sign.

**NB Children will not be involved in any form of worship.**

We will need three adults (one must be a teacher) to assist the children during these morning workshops.

**13:05 - 14:05 Tie and Dye Workshop 1**  
(Up to 35 children from Year 2 upwards)

**14:10 - 15:10 Tie and Dye Workshop 2**  
(Up to 35 children from Year 2 upwards)

These workshops are best set up in one art area, with a deep sink, for all the groups of children. The colourful craft of tie and dye originated in India and continues to be practised by members of the Muslim community. During each afternoon workshop Andrea will take ten children at a time, from the class, to the designated art area. Each group will be taught a different tie and dye technique and every child will go on to tie and dye their own piece of fabric using three or four bright contrasting colours.

We will need three teachers for these afternoon sessions, two to assist the children during the workshops, the other to remain with the children in their class.

**NB We use PERMANENT dyes therefore protective clothing and gloves are essential.**

You may like to consider asking a parent (with sewing machine skills) to sew each square together to make a beautiful wall hanging.

### Additional Workshops (optional)

Many schools take up our offer of borrowing the resources used in the morning workshops to run two additional workshops in the afternoon. These workshops will be led by your staff who have learned the skills during the morning sessions.

**13:05 - 14:05 Muslim Workshop 3** (Up to 35 children led by school staff)

**14:10 - 15:10 Muslim Workshop 4** (Up to 35 children led by school staff)

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In addition to the whole school assembly, **up to 210 children** can participate in this fascinating and memorable Muslim Day.