

Friday 3rd March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

In year 3 & 4, the children are learning about Islamic beliefs and practices next half term. This is linked to the Derby City & Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. In addition to this, it will also support the children's learning on 'Promoting British Values' through showing tolerance and mutual respect.

As part of our learning, we have arranged a workshop run in school, by the Open Centre which is based in Derby. This workshop provides a fantastic opportunity to explore prayer within the faith. Children will have the opportunity to explore clothing used in prayer, prayer objects and artefacts. They will also explore the meaning and actions behind performing Wudu (ritual wash). This will support children with their focus in Religion and Worldviews which is "Why do people pray?" We believe that it is increasingly important that pupils have an understanding of the diversity of religious traditions, practices and forms of worship found in our country but please be assured that under no circumstances will any child be asked to participate in any aspect of worship or be required to compromise their own faith or beliefs during this workshop.

The workshop will take place on **Monday 22nd April 2024** during the school day.

The workshop will cost £3.55 per pupil and should be paid via ParentPay.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact your child's class teachers or you can visit the Open Centre's website for more details at <http://www.derbyopencentre.org/>.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Lang, Miss West, Miss Roper and Mrs Benn