





Shahada 2021 – Islamic Education

Parent Overview

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Students in Prep and Grade 1 are part of our Shahada Level. At this Level we focus on building our all-important relationship with Allah (swt), based on love for Him and knowing Him through stories from the Quran and the Prophets. We have the following objectives for this year in our Shahada Level:

 Kindness	The overarching theme during this year in the Shahada Level is Kindness. We will focus on Allah's Kindness towards us, the rest of his creation and why he's known as Al-Rahman, Al-Raheem, Al-Kareem and Al-Wadood. We will learn from His kindness and the Prophet Mohammed to be kinder to our siblings, parents, friends and ourselves.
 Connection with Allah (swt)	We want to build a positive and loving spiritual connection with Allah (swt). God created us pure and innocent and we will attempt to visualise that for our students through means of Qalb-al Saleem and what it means to have a peaceful heart and a heart that's connected to Allah.
 Akhlaq	Use the Quran and the Prophets as the guide to perfect our Akhlaq. Special focus on the Prophet Mohammed (sawa) and his family and the kindness and akhlaq they showed those around them. We will learn the akhlaq of doing dua, eating etiquette, sharing with others, taking care of our parents and elders.
 Learning the basics of our religion	Reflecting on the name of our Level: Shahada, what does it mean and why do we have to believe in Allah being one? Exploring the name Al-Ahad. The basic rules of fasting, when do we fast and why. Times and purpose of prayers & Wudhu. Sequence of steps in Hajj, importance of Arafah. How do we make dua and talk to Allah

Every Term we will aim to achieve the above objectives and learn about Allah, the best akhlaq as taught to us by the Prophet (sawa), and connecting our students with their inner fitra and spirituality in order for it to flourish from a young age insha'Allah. We also start learning about the foundations of our religion and the basic tenants of Islam: prayers, fasting and Hajj. We do this through learning the actions and meaning behind our prayers, fasting, as well as Hajj, during our exciting Hajj day! We aim to learn through short and engaging activities. This will allow them to engage with their religion and learn about it in an enjoyable and safe environment. Every Term there will also be a central activity, which will be explored throughout the Term and aid in learning about various topics insha'Allah. We have the following workshop activities planned:

Secret Eid Gifts

The start of Term 2 will coincide with Ramadhan, as such we will be focussing on gifting each other Eid presents, anonymously. This is done so students can share something from themselves, give it freely to another child to make them happy, not knowing what they'll receive in return. Insha'Allah we'll be discussing what it means to give generously, why we should do good without always expecting something in return, and how Allah (swt) is the Most Generous and the one who blesses us with everything in our lives.

Wall of Emotions

During Term 3 we will be exploring different emotions and how they make us feel and how we act as a result. Emotions such as anger, jealousy, happiness, fear and joy will all be dealt with and examined through different activities. The aim is to give students the tools to recognise their emotions, verbalise them and reflect on how they can act, rather than react based on them. This will take time to implement and will need to be done in conjunction with the parents, for it to be truly successful insha'Allah.

Play for Parents

During our final Term we will be organising a play for the parents to watch a play of our Shahada students. The play will showcase the different lessons we have learnt throughout the year. This may require your help and input as well and we will provide you with more information about it closer to the Term insha'Allah.

In Islamic Education we also focus on tafseer/interpretation of a few key Surahs from the Quran. We will mainly focus on the following:

Surah Al-Fatiha

- The reason behind this Surah being called Al-Fatiha (The Opening)
- Allah, Al-Rahman, Al-Raheem; meaning of these names and what they mean for us.
- When and how we properly show gratitude to Allah (swt); saying alhamdulillah always
- What Sirat Al-Mustaqeem (the straight path) is and how we can stay on it

Surah Al-Ikhlās

- Relationship between this Surah and Shahada
- Why Allah is known as Al-Ahad (The One)
- Explore concept of Tawheed and what it would mean if there were multiple Gods
- God who does not have children, nor is borne. Forever present

Surah Al-Tin

- Recommended and mentioned food in the Quran
- Location of Mount Sinai and Meccah and its significance
- Believing and doing good need to go hand in hand

Surah Al-Feel

- Story of Surah Al-Feel and the birth of Prophet Mohammed (sawa)
- Trusting that Allah (swt) will take care of us, like Abdul Muttalib believed Allah will take care of the Ka'bah
- How something as small as birds can wreak on elephants

Surah Al-Kawthar

- The meaning of Al-Kawthar; an abundant good, the gift that keeps on giving
- Bullying that the Prophet Mohammed (sawa) endured
- Allah comforts Prophet Mohammed and reassures him and tells him to pray

Over the year students will be learning about the following names of Allah (swt) in detail:

