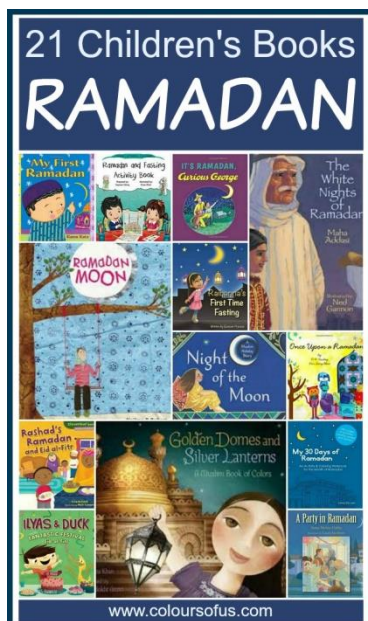


Ramadan – begins 2nd April



Ramadan, for Muslims across the world, is a time for reflection, contemplation and celebration. The Islamic calendar follows the phases of the moon, commonly known as the lunar cycle. As a result, the Holy month of Ramadan falls approximately 10 days earlier each year in the Gregorian calendar. This year, Ramadan is expected to begin on 2nd April, following the sighting of the moon over Mecca. It lasts for 30 days, followed by the celebratory days of Eid al-Fitr.

- Use google maps, a globe or an Atlas to locate the holy city of Mecca.
- Track the phases of the moon - How does it work if you live in the Southern hemisphere?
- Check out this Newsround clip to find out more.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/23286976>
- And/or BBC bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtbkb/articles/zjc2bmd>
- For some craft ideas try this link - <https://www.muslimmummies.com/2016/05/30-ramadan-crafts-children/>



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