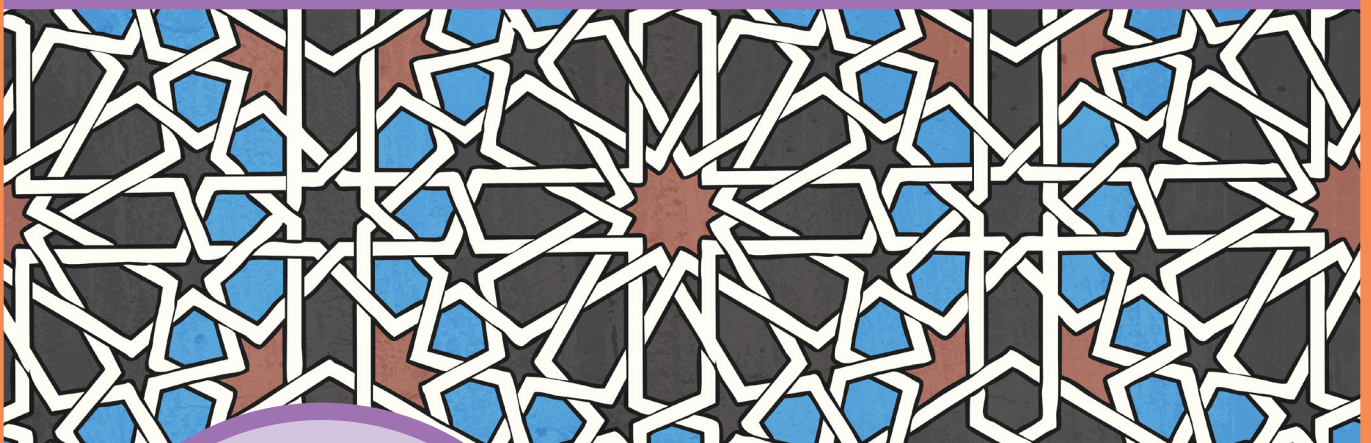
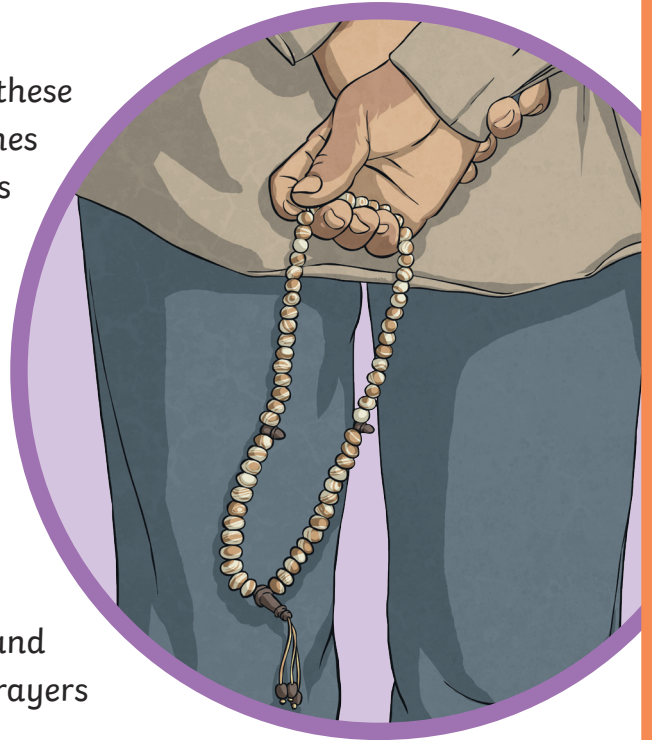


Prayer Beads Fact File

These are prayer beads used by Muslim believers. They are called **misbaha**.

Misbaha can contain 99 beads. Each of these ninety-nine beads represents one of the names that Muslims give Allah and short prayers known as **dhikr**. There may also be three smaller beads which separate the strand into three sections of thirty-three beads. Muslims say a particular prayer while using these beads, a prayer made up of short sentences that glorify Allah. The beads help them to focus and keep a count of the prayers as they say them.

Some **misbaha** only have 33 larger beads and people using these will repeat the cycle of prayers three times.



Did You Know...?

Prayer beads are also used in other religions. Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism all have variations of prayer beads. They are used by believers to stay focused and keep a count of prayers or meditations.