

#### Surah al Baqarah

Shams Class (Year 7/8) and Najm Class (Year 9/10) have been learning about a number of very important ayaat of surah al baqarah.

Says Zahra E, 'The Holy Prophet (pbuh) has said:' whoever recites the first 4 verses, ayat al kursi and the two verses after it (255/256/257), and the last three verses will not experience anything abominable in his body and his property. The devil will not come near him and he will not forget the quran.'

'I've learnt about ayat al kursi (255-257) and how important it is and what benefits it has and that there is no compulsion in religion', reported Omidullah. Talayah added, 'All-h has millions and billions of worshippers (angels, djinn. etc) so if you think you can hurt Him by not becoming a muslim [sic}, then think again.'

Quoting ayat 124-127 Khudayja learnt the land below the Ka'aba is where the earth spread from (Pangaea). {Ed's note—google 'fertile crescent' 'cradle of humanity'}.

Fatema N shared, 'this has been a special place since the time of Prophet Adam (as). This is why all the prophets that He sent lived in or around Makkah'. The change in direction of qiblah is explained in verse 142— '...To God belongs the East and the West...'



Surah al Baqarah fact file: Second and longest chapter of the holy Quran Revealed in Madina Has 286 Ayaat (sentences/verses) Longest ayat 282 is also longest of the Noble Quran Has 40 Rukuaat

(paragraphs)

Title comes from the many questions asked before sacrificing the perfect cow

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# Special points of interest:

Respecting the Holy Quran

Navigating around the Quran

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### Navigate the Book

**Kawkab class (Year 5/6)** have been practicing finding suwer and ayaat on demand!

First the class had to be confident with their number work. After some Sudoku work and much turning and twisting of hands to see the difference between the numbers two and six, this has been achieved!

Last week the class used the index to locate the suwer for the Holy month of Ramadhan. Next they had to find as much information as they could about these surahs using only 'the pretty bit' at the start of each surah. For example, is it a Makki or Madanni surah, how many verses, how many rukuaat, etc.

#### Go on... test yourselves... °° ?

## **Respect the Book**

Respecting the Holy Book is one of the first things we learn when we start to read. Here are some of the rules the **Qamar class (Year 3/4)** recounted recently:

- 'It has All-h's words in, protects you and brings you good luck' *Fatima*
- 'You have to do Wudho before touching the Quran' Ali
- 'It has surahs in it' Deebaj
- 'If someone else is reading it, then listen and don't distract them' *Ahmed*
- 'It is in Arabic and has different translations' Nazir
- 'It is the Book of All-h, sent to Prophet Mohammed (saw)' *Mohammed*