Exploring Traditions: A Festival Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and explain the significance of key symbols, customs, and beliefs associated with a chosen religious or cultural festival.

Choose a festival you have been learning about in class. Use this fact-file to organise your research. Ensure you include specific details about why the festival is celebrated and how people express their beliefs through actions, food, or decorations. Use the word bank to help enrich your descriptions.

Word bank: significance · customary · community · symbolism · observance · heritage · commemoration · tradition · reflection

1. Identify the name of the festival and explain the primary reason why it is celebrated by the community. (2 marks)

2. Describe two customary items or symbols associated with this festival and explain what they represent. (3 marks)

3. Explain why food or special meals often play an important role in the celebration of this festival. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How might this festival be celebrated in a home environment versus how it is celebrated in a place of worship or public gathering? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why do you think it is important for communities to keep these traditions alive through generations? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if a specific festival lost its traditional elements? Explain the impact this could have on the people who celebrate it. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a brand new festival that celebrates kindness. Write a short paragraph explaining the traditions, the symbolic colours, and the food people would share to mark this special occasion. How would you ensure everyone in the community feels included?