Celebrating Eid with Zara

Learning objective: To understand the customs, symbols, and significance of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha within the Islamic faith.

Use your creativity to illustrate a festive scene during Eid. Follow the steps below to complete your drawing, then use the word bank to label the key features of your celebration. Remember to think about the patterns and colours that make Eid a joyous occasion.

Draw: Create a detailed scene showing an Eid celebration. Include a night sky with a prominent crescent moon, a table set with a festive feast, and people wearing ornate, patterned clothing. Use bright, celebratory colours. Incorporate geometric patterns reminiscent of traditional Islamic art on the borders of your drawing or on the clothing of the characters.

Label words: Crescent moon · Henna patterns · Zakat · Eid Mubarak · Community · Gift · Special meal

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, clear crescent moon in the night sky at the top of your page. Why is the sighting of the moon so important for the beginning of Eid?
2. Step 2: Draw a family sharing a meal. What are two values that are important to families during Eid celebrations?

3. Step 3: Label your drawing with the phrase 'Eid Mubarak'. What does this phrase mean in English?

4. Explain why giving 'Zakat' or charity is considered a central part of the Eid celebration.

5. Compare and contrast the ways people celebrate Eid with the way you celebrate special events in your own life.

6. Justify your answer: Why might the act of wearing new or clean clothes be a significant tradition during Eid?