

Exploring Eid-ul-Fitr: A Reflection with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and values of Eid-ul-Fitr within the Islamic faith, and reflect on how acts of charity and community impact society.

Ellie the Elephant has been learning about Eid-ul-Fitr, a festival that marks the end of Ramadan. Use this fact-file to organise what you have researched. Ensure you use descriptive language and explain the 'why' behind the traditions, rather than just listing facts.

Word bank: Sawm · Zakat · community · gratitude · festivities · reflection · tradition · generosity · celebration · fasting

1. The Meaning of Eid: Explain the significance of Eid-ul-Fitr and why it is described as a 'festival of breaking the fast'. (2 marks)

2. Acts of Charity: Research Zakat-al-Fitr. Why is this act of giving considered a vital part of the Eid celebrations? (3 marks)

3. Comparing Traditions: Compare how Eid is celebrated at home with how it is celebrated at the mosque. What is the purpose of the communal prayer? (4 marks)

4. Justifying Values: Justify why gratitude is a central theme during Eid. How might this value influence a person's behaviour throughout the rest of the year? (3 marks)

5. Analysing Community: Explain why sharing meals and visiting family and friends is an essential component of the day for many Muslims. (3 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: What might happen to the sense of community in a local area if traditions like Eid were no longer celebrated? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to a friend who has never heard of Eid. Write a creative, detailed account of the day, using sophisticated vocabulary to describe the atmosphere, the food, and the feelings of unity. Reflect on how the spirit of generosity during Eid could be applied to daily life in school.