Eid al-Fitr: A Time for Celebration

Learning objective: To understand the significance and traditions of Eid al-Fitr for Muslims, and how it marks the end of Ramadan.

Max the monkey is helping his friends organise a community celebration. He has mixed up the steps of a typical Eid al-Fitr day. Read the sequence below and number the events from 1 to 6 to show the correct order of the day. Then, answer the questions below to show what you know about this special festival.

Word bank: Zakat al-Fitr · Eid prayer · Ramadan · Moon sighting · Family · Charity

1. 1. [ ] Eating a sweet breakfast to mark the end of fasting.
2. [ ] Giving Zakat al-Fitr to those in need.
3. [ ] Attending the special Eid prayer at the mosque or an open space.
4. [ ] Gathering with family and friends to share a festive meal.
5. [ ] Wearing new or best clothes for the celebration.
6. [ ] Giving gifts or money to children. (6 marks)

2. Why is the sighting of the new moon important for the start of Eid al-Fitr? (2 marks)

3. Explain why giving to charity (Zakat al-Fitr) is a key part of the Eid celebrations. (2 marks)

4. How might a family prepare their home for guests arriving for an Eid celebration? (2 marks)

5. If a family gives £5 to three different charities to help those in need during Eid, how much money have they donated in total? (2 marks)

6. Describe one way that the month of Ramadan differs from the day of Eid al-Fitr. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a pattern inspired by the beautiful geometric art often seen in mosques or on cards during Eid. Use Zara the zebra's favourite shapes like stars and hexagons to fill the space.

Extension challenge: Research and design an invitation card for an Eid al-Fitr party. Include a polite message, the date, and a creative design that reflects the joy of the festival.