Celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr with Max and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and values of Eid-ul-Fitr for Muslims.

Use your knowledge of Islamic festivals to answer the following questions. Think about the importance of community, charity, and gratitude.

Max the monkey has been observing how his community prepares for Eid-ul-Fitr. He has noticed the importance of the month of Ramadan, the act of fasting, and the joy of the final celebration. Ellie the elephant has been reading about the importance of Zakat-al-Fitr, ensuring that everyone in the community has enough to eat and enjoy the special day.

Word bank: Ramadan · Sawm · Zakat · Eid-ul-Fitr · Moon sighting · Community · Gratitude · Prayer

1. Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of a very special month in the Islamic calendar. What is the name of this month, and what do Muslims do during the daylight hours throughout this period? (2 marks)

2. Max is curious about why Muslims look for the new crescent moon. Explain the significance of the moon sighting in relation to the date of Eid-ul-Fitr. (2 marks)

3. Ellie has learned about 'Zakat'. Define what Zakat is and explain why it is an essential part of the Eid celebrations. (2 marks)

4. On the morning of Eid, families often attend a special prayer at the mosque. Describe two other ways Muslims might celebrate this day with their friends and family. (2 marks)

5. If a family decides to donate £50 to charity as part of their Zakat-al-Fitr, and they choose to split this equally between two local food banks, how much does each food bank receive? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how a community might celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. Include decorations like lanterns (fanous), special foods, or people greeting one another with the phrase 'Eid Mubarak'.

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a kind message that you would include in an Eid card to a friend, focusing on the themes of peace, generosity, and togetherness.