Exploring Islam: A Fact-File with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To identify and describe key beliefs, practices, and features of the Islamic faith.

Use your classroom resources or library books to research the following sections. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided. Nova the Owl is waiting to see what you discover about this world religion!

Word bank: Five Pillars · Qur'an · Mosque · Makkah · Allah · Sawm · Salah · Zakat · Hajj · Shahadah

1. The Holy Book: What is the name of the sacred text in Islam, and how do Muslims show it respect? (2 marks)

2. The Five Pillars: List the Five Pillars of Islam and briefly explain what one of them means. (3 marks)

3. Places of Worship: Describe two features you might find inside or outside a mosque. (2 marks)

4. Daily Prayer: Explain how Salah (prayer) is practised by Muslims during the day. (2 marks)

5. Community and Charity: Why is Zakat (giving to charity) an important part of the Islamic faith? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Nova the Owl wants to know: Why do you think having a set of 'pillars' to guide a person's life is helpful for members of a religious community?