Exploring Sacred Texts: A Fact-File with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of sacred texts within different religions and how they influence the lives of believers.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the world's wisdom. Use this fact-file to research a sacred text from a religion of your choice. Fill in the boxes below to show what you have discovered about its history, contents, and importance.

Word bank: Scripture · Tradition · Belief · Authoritative · Guidance · Community · Passage · Wisdom · Practices

1. Name of the Religion and its Sacred Text: State the religion you are researching and the specific name of its primary sacred text. (2 marks)

2. Origins and History: Briefly explain when the text was written or collected and the language it was originally written in. (3 marks)

3. Key Teachings: What are two or three important rules or stories found in this text that guide how followers live their lives? (4 marks)

4. The Role of the Text: How do believers use this book today? For example, is it read during worship, studied at home, or used for special ceremonies? (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why do you think these texts are considered 'sacred' or 'holy' by the people who follow that religion? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an author writing a book of guidance for your community. Write a short paragraph explaining one 'golden rule' you would include to help everyone live in peace and kindness.