My Festival Fact-File: A Celebration Guide

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key features of a religious or cultural festival, including how it is celebrated and why it is important to those who observe it.

Choose a festival you have been learning about in class. Use the boxes below to build your own fact-file. Remember to include details about the traditions, special foods, and the meaning behind the celebrations. You can ask Nova for help with scientific questions about the seasons if your festival is linked to nature!

Word bank: tradition · celebration · community · ceremony · special food · symbol · reflection · gathering · origin · meaning

1. Festival Name and Origin: What is the name of the festival and why do people celebrate it? Think about the story or historical reason behind it. (3 marks)

2. Time of Year: When does this festival take place? Is it linked to the moon, the sun, or the changing seasons? (2 marks)

3. Special Traditions: Describe two or three things people do to celebrate. Are there special clothes, prayers, or decorations involved? (4 marks)

4. Food and Sharing: Is there a specific meal or treat associated with this festival? How does sharing food bring the community together? (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you were attending this festival, what part do you think would be the most interesting to experience and why? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are inviting Pip the bookworm to your festival. Write a short invitation explaining one tradition you would like to show them and why it is special to you.