Exploring the Five Pillars of Islam: A Fact-File with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand and describe the significance of the Five Pillars of Islam as the foundation of Muslim life.

Join Ellie the elephant as we explore the core practices of Islam. Use your RE textbook or trusted classroom resources to research each of the Five Pillars. For each section, explain what the pillar involves and why it is important to Muslims. Remember to use clear, respectful language.

Word bank: Shahadah · Salah · Zakat · Sawm · Hajj · Faith · Prayer · Charity · Fasting · Pilgrimage · Makkah · Allah · Prophet Muhammad

1. Shahadah (Faith): Explain what this pillar is and why declaring faith is considered the foundation of Muslim life. (2 marks)

2. Salah (Prayer): Describe how Muslims prepare for prayer and why performing Salah five times a day is significant. (2 marks)

3. Zakat (Charity): Define Zakat and explain the importance of giving to those in need within the Islamic faith. (2 marks)

4. Sawm (Fasting): Describe the practice of Sawm during Ramadan and explain why Muslims fast during this holy month. (2 marks)

5. Hajj (Pilgrimage): Where do Muslims travel for Hajj and what is the spiritual purpose of this journey? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ellie wants to know: If you were to create a 'pillar' for your own life that represents a value you hold dear (such as kindness, honesty, or curiosity), what would it be and how would you practise it daily?