Festivals Around the World with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify and describe how different religious and cultural festivals are celebrated, including the significance of special foods, clothing, and traditions.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of different world festivals to answer the questions. Max the monkey needs your help to solve these puzzles!

Max the monkey and Zara the zebra are travelling the world to learn about festivals. They want to know why people celebrate, what special items they use, and how these events bring communities together.

Word bank: Diwali · Easter · Eid-al-Fitr · Hanukkah · Lent · Ramadan · Lunar New Year · tradition · celebration · symbol

1. Max is looking at the festival of Diwali. Explain what the 'diva' lamps represent and why they are important to the celebration. (2 marks)

2. Zara is learning about Eid-al-Fitr. Which month of fasting comes right before this festival, and what is the main purpose of the celebrations? (2 marks)

3. Many festivals involve special food. Choose one festival you have studied and describe one traditional food eaten during that time. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think it is important for families and communities to come together to celebrate festivals? Give two reasons. (2 marks)

5. If you were planning a brand-new festival for your school, what would you celebrate? Write down two activities you would include in your festival. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a festival of your choice. Include at least two symbols or special objects that are used during that celebration (for example, lanterns, special clothing, or a specific type of food).

Extension challenge: Research a festival that happens in a different country to the one you live in. Write three sentences about how it is similar to a festival you know, and one way it is different.