Exploring the Five Pillars of Islam

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Five Pillars of Islam and how they guide the lives of Muslims in the UK and around the world.

Read each question carefully and answer in full sentences. Use the word bank to help you with your explanations.

In Islam, the Five Pillars are the core beliefs and practices that shape a Muslim's life. These acts of worship represent the foundation of the faith, guiding followers in their relationship with Allah and their responsibility towards the wider community.

Word bank: Shahadah · Salah · Zakat · Sawm · Hajj · Makkah · Ramadan · Faith · Charity · Prayer

1. Identify the Five Pillars of Islam and briefly explain the meaning of each one. (5 marks)

2. Max the monkey is trying to understand the concept of Zakat. Explain why giving to charity is an important part of a Muslim's duty. (2 marks)

3. How might the practice of Sawm during the month of Ramadan affect a person's daily routine and their empathy for others? (3 marks)

4. Ellie the elephant remembers that Hajj is a pilgrimage. Why is the city of Makkah significant to this journey? (2 marks)

5. Think about the pillar of Salah. Why do you think it is significant that Muslims pray five times a day at specific times? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbolic representation of the Five Pillars. You could choose to draw five pillars of a building, with each pillar labelled with one of the five duties, or create a pattern that incorporates elements representing each pillar.

Extension challenge: Research the importance of the Qibla (the direction of prayer). Write a short paragraph explaining how a Muslim living in London determines which way to face when performing Salah.