

Early Years Foundation Stage

Unit title: Celebrating Special Times

What happens at Eid-UI-Fitr?

Context

- The Muslim festival of Eid-UI-Fitr occurs at the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting
- Eid begins when the new moon is seen in Makkah
- At Eid, Muslims pray at the mosque and celebrate with Eid parties for family and friends
- Eid is a time to send greetings cards and to wear new clothes

Key underlying ideas/concepts

- **Fasting during Ramadan:** to remember Allah
- **Celebrating:** Eid with family and friends

Links to Early Learning Goals

- Knowledge and understanding of the world

Main elements of the unit

- **Looking for a new moon**

Suggestions for practical activities

Look at the shapes of the moon:
e.g, crescent moon, full moon

- **Read a story about Eid-UI-Fitr**

Samira's Eid
Use Story Sack

Read the story

- Discuss with the children
 - a. how Samira's family celebrate Ramadan eg having breakfast before sunrise
 - b. how Samira's family celebrate Eid eg with new clothes, prayer at the mosque, Eid presents

- **Celebrating Eid:**

How can we celebrate Eid in the Classroom?

- Invite a Muslim parent or helper to talk about their family celebrations at Eid
- Make Eid cards with shapes of the new moon
- Learn an Eid greeting 'Eid Mubarak'
- Hold an Eid party (no pork or products with gelatine)

Key questions to ask

- How do Muslims celebrate Eid?
- Why is Eid so important to Muslims?

Story sack

- A book about Eid eg Samira's Eid by Nasreen Aktar : Mantra publications
- Eid cards
- Pictures of the moon