

Theme - Festivals and Traditions

This half term's topic is "Let's Celebrate." Children will learn about various festivals, customs, and celebrations from around the world, and discover the different ways they are celebrated. We will continue to emphasise that everyone is unique and learn to be respectful to our friends. By listening carefully and asking questions about each other's experiences, we aim to deepen our understanding and enhance our communication skills.



Big Ideas

IDENTITY
Identity is who you are. The **identity** of a person or place is the characteristics that they have that distinguish them from others.

DIVERSITY
Diversity is how people, places or things are different from each other. The **diversity** of something is the fact that it contains many different elements.



Physical Development

This term we will be focusing on:

- Participating in movement-based activities during festivals, such as dancing
- Exploring sensory materials related to festivals, such as textured art materials or traditional foods
- Developing fine motor skills through arts and crafts activities, such as making decorations or cards for festivals
- Practicing self-help skills during festival celebrations, such as dressing up or putting on costumes.
- Using one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors



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In nursery, we will continue to support pupils in all areas of the curriculum and welcome new children and families to the start of their school journey. We aim for pupils to be confident and independent learners, using the nursery environment to develop their creativity and imagination in all areas!

Enrichment

Diwali, Hanukkah, Guru Nanak's birthday, Christmas

Home Learning

You can support your child at home with their learning by reading books with them. Please discuss the things they can see in the pictures and make predictions about what might be happening in the story. Children need to develop their independence and you can encourage them by allowing them to put on their clothes, coats, shoes and do up their zips. Give your child instructions to follow, making sure they give eye contact, to develop their listening skills. Share your thinking with them about the things you are doing. Encourage them to be curious and ask you lots of questions about the world around them.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Developing a sense of belonging and identity within a community through celebrating festivals and traditions
- Participating in group activities like singing songs, making decorations, and sharing food during celebrations allows children to develop their social skills. These interactions promote cooperation, turn-taking, and the importance of being kind and considerate.

Communication and Language

This term pupils will explore:

Storytelling - sharing stories about various festivals and traditions helps children develop their language skills. Through stories, they learn new vocabulary and practice listening and speaking.

Rhymes and Songs - singing festive songs and rhymes not only enhances language skills but also provides an enjoyable way to learn about different celebrations.



Literacy

Children will be exploring festival - related books and stories. They will be:

- Building vocabulary related to festivals and traditions
- Listening and responding to stories or discussions about festivals and celebrations
- Expressing thoughts and feelings about personal experiences during festivals
- Following simple instructions during festival-related activities
- Using simple words and phrases related to festivals and celebrations
- Enjoy drawing freely



Music

Children will enjoy listening to a range of different types of music.

Children will continue to develop their listening skills with increased attention to different sounds. They will respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings. They will be encouraged to remember and sing entire songs.



Understanding of the World

Children will be learning about:

Cultural Diversity - learning about different festivals and traditions introduces children to the world's cultural diversity. They gain an appreciation for how people from various backgrounds celebrate, fostering a sense of curiosity and respect for different cultures.

Natural World - some celebrations are linked to the natural world, such as the changing seasons or lunar cycles. Understanding these connections helps children appreciate the world around them. Children will take an autumn walk and look at how the environment is changing with the season. Finally, they will create a Christmas tree using everyday objects, discussing how we have recycled them and why.



Mathematics

Children will develop a secure foundation in number. They will practice basic mathematical skills, such as:

Counting and Measuring - during celebrations, children will learn to count decorations, measure ingredients for recipes, or count down to an event. These activities help with numeracy skills.

Patterns and Shapes - many decorations are based on patterns and shapes. Recognising these elements in festive crafts and decorations is an excellent way to introduce mathematical concepts.

They will learn to recite some number names in sequence and use some number names accurately in play.

Phonics

Children will have daily phonics lessons, working within small phonics groups. Within the sessions, they will start by developing their listening skills and discriminating environmental sounds such as animal noises. They will be introduced to a few letter sounds a week and apply them through sorting games or going on sound hunts for objects beginning with the same sound. .



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have the opportunity to express themselves using a range of different media and materials in all areas of the EYFS curriculum.

They will be making decorations and crafts. This encourages them to use their creativity, experiment with colours, and develop their artistic skills.

Through music and dance children will engage in festive songs, dances, and music activities, allowing them to express themselves through movement and rhythm.

